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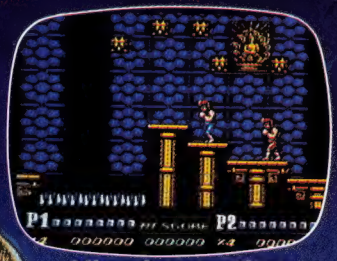

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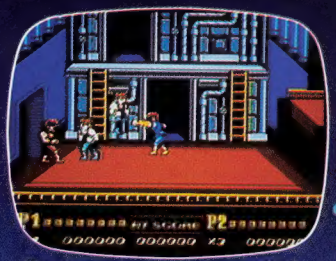

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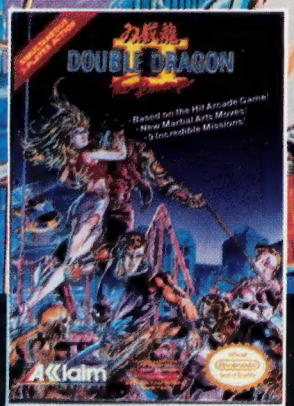

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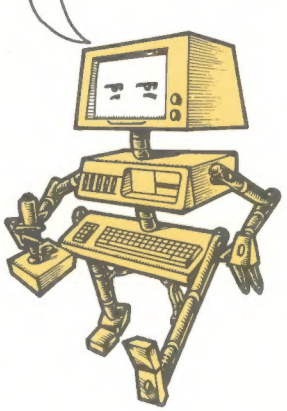

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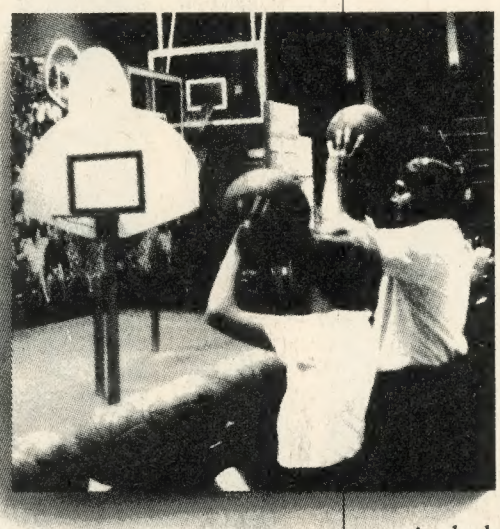

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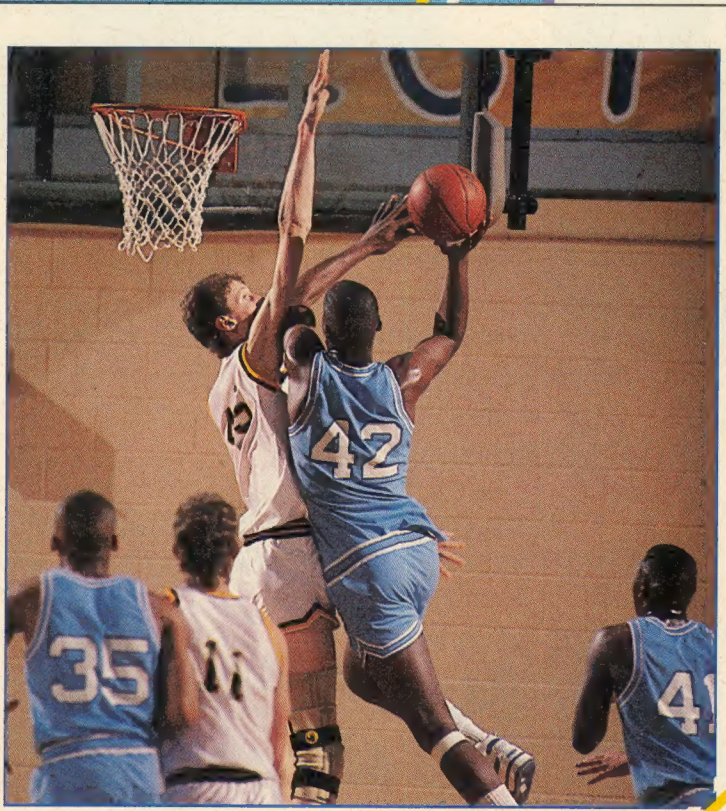

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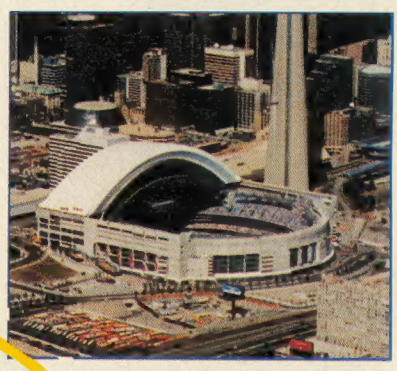

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HOW THE CHAMPS DO IT

The next time you see a baseball pitcher strike someone out and then run off the mound pumping his fist, you can be sure it's not Dave Stewart of the Oakland Athletics.

And when you see a basketball player score and then run down the court waving his arms, you can figure it's not James Worthy of the Los Angeles Lakers, Robert Parish of the Boston Celtics, or Joe Dumars of the Detroit Pistons.

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MICHAEL ZAGARIS

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You'll meet some more special athletes in this issue, too. Like top junior golfer Vicki Goetze and bicycle-racing champ Marion Clignet. And Shawn Bradley, a 7'5" high school basketball player.

Then there are Julie Krone and Jeff Wnuk. They've made names for themselves in different sports — horse racing and weight lifting — and they're both only 4'10" tall! They prove you don't have to be big to be a good athlete.

It's quite a varied bunch, but they're all the kind of players you'd like to have on your own team. And that's why we wanted to tell you about them. Enjoy this issue.

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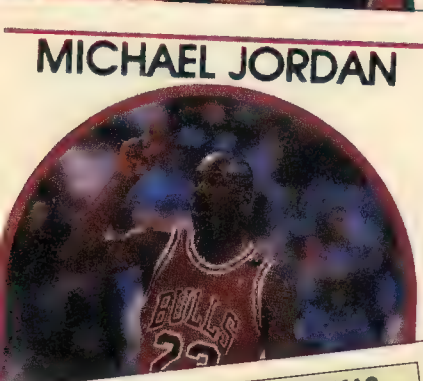

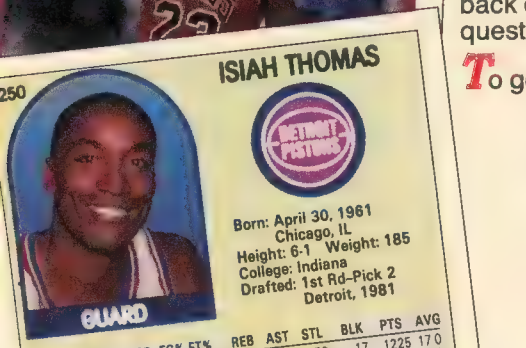
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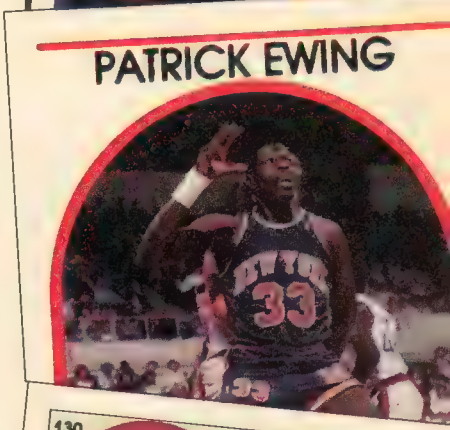

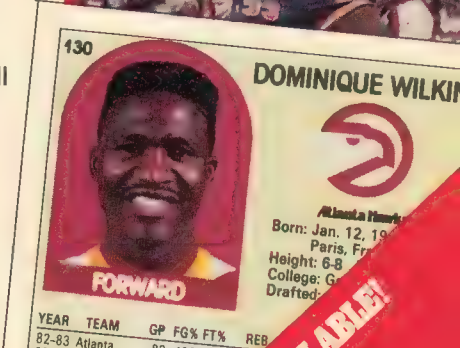

1 True or False: Magic Johnson has been named the NBA Playoff MVP three times.

2 Isiah Thomas led the Detroit Pistons in assists and which other category in 1988-89?
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a. 50 c. 77
b. 63 d. 100

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b. 1985-86 d. 1987-88

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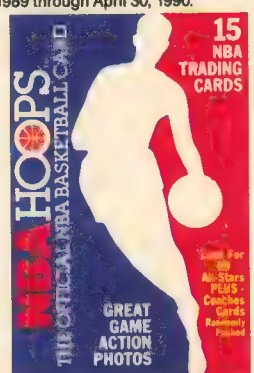

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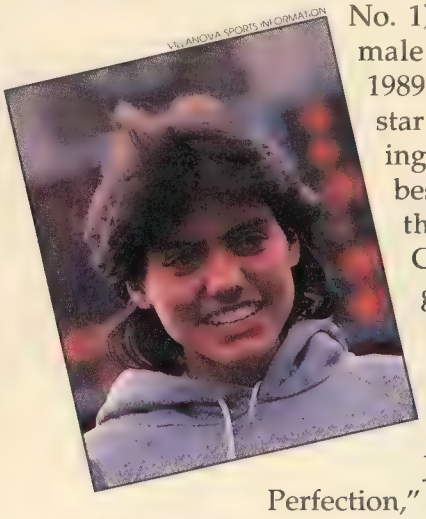

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• Brandy Johnson ("Aging to Perfection," Vol. 1, No. 1) won a silver medal in the women's vault at the World Gymnastics Championships in West Germany. Brandy's silver was the only medal the U.S. team brought home.

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Last summer, she scored her second victory in the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Junior Championship and was the only amateur to make the cut at the U.S. Women's Open. *Golf Digest* magazine named her the top junior golfer of 1989.

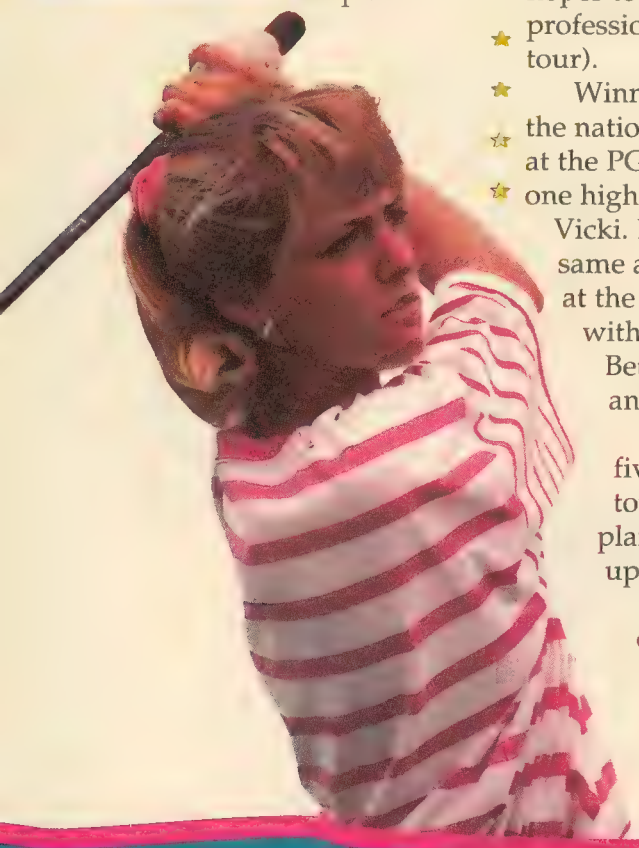
Vicki Goetze is something special. The 17-year-old sensation has been playing golf since she was five, and one day she hopes to play on the women's professional tour (the LPGA tour).

Winning against a field of the nation's top 92 junior golfers at the PGA Championship was one highlight of the year for Vicki. But it wasn't quite the same as sharing the entry list at the U.S. Women's Open with professional golfers Betsy King, Patty Sheehan, and JoAnne Carner.

"I qualified for one of five spots in the LPGA tournament," Vicki explained. "Then I just teed it up with the pros."

But Vicki didn't *just* qualify for the Open. Her score was low enough after 36 holes to earn her a chance to play for the championship. LPGA rules narrow tournament fields down after two rounds, or 36 holes, so only golfers with the lowest scores compete for prizes.

"Once I made the cut, it seemed like there was no pressure on me," Vicki said. "I finished 52nd out of 63. All the other finishers were professionals."



Someday, Vicki said, she wants to go on the LPGA tour, be successful as a golfer, and have a normal family life, too.

While she was playing in the Open, Vicki said, most of the pros in the tournament didn't have much to say to her. "I was already intimidated by them, and that didn't help very much. But JoAnne Carner went out of her way to be nice to me. She even offered to play a practice round with me."

Vicki is a junior at Athens Academy in Athens, Georgia, where she plays on the golf team. She plans to go to college before she joins the LPGA tour, and while she hasn't picked a school yet, she knows what she wants to study.

"I want to study fashion merchandising. I like coming up with new ideas for clothes lines." Golf clothes are boring, she said. Tennis clothes are a lot more fun. "Tennis clothes are colorful, not all white shirts with stiff collars."

Does Vicki want to be the Martina Navratilova of the golf world? "Yeah, sort of," she said. "When I saw that she was designing her own clothes, I thought it was really neat."

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Vicki said the best advice her parents have given her is "just to believe in myself."

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On the last day of the U.S. Women's Open, the fans following Vicki gave her a standing ovation as she walked off the 18th green. "It was one of those things you never picture happening to you," she said. "It made me feel really good."

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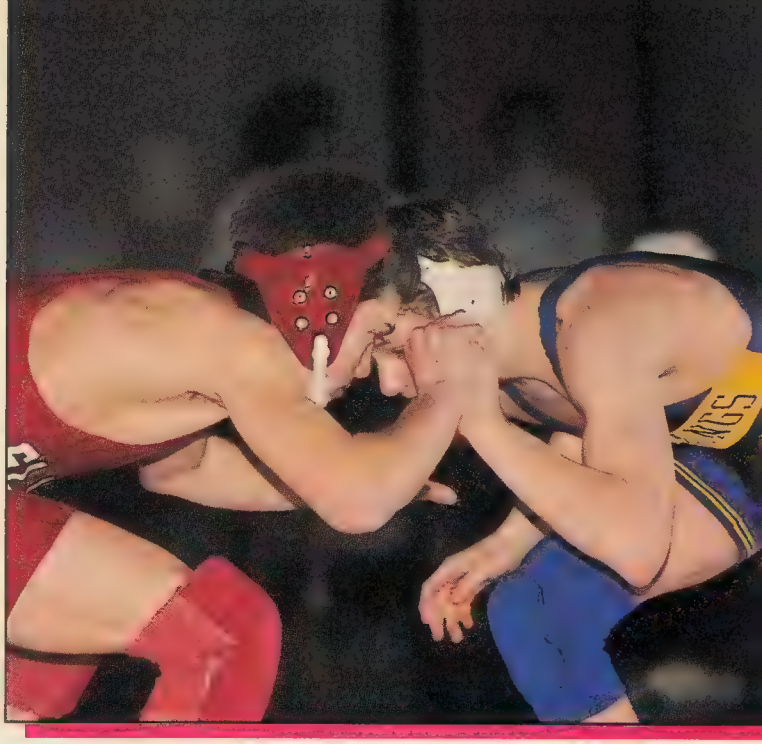

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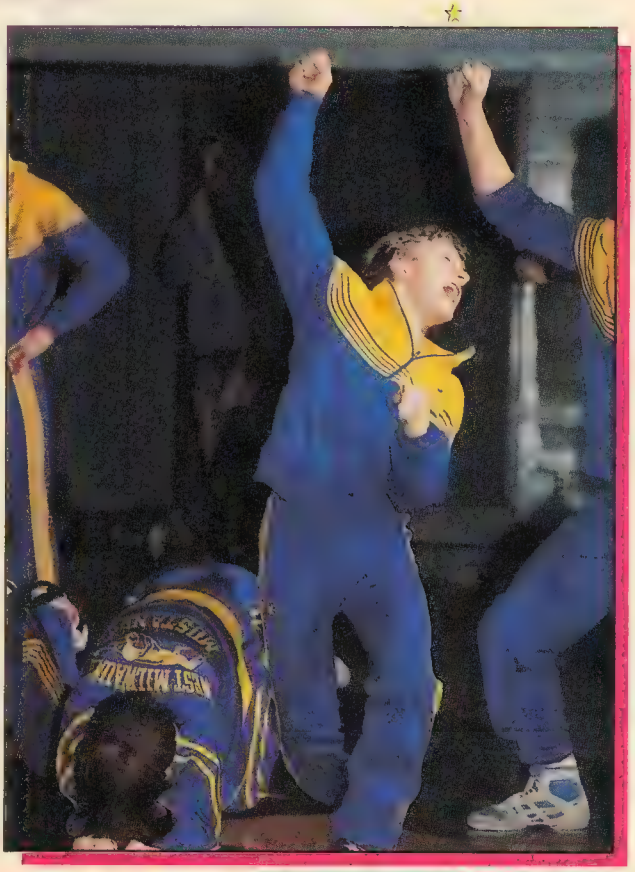
Halfway through his first varsity season, Jeff had posted a 10-3 mat record.

Being shorter than most guys his age no longer bothers Jeff Wnuk (pronounced "nuck"). That's because he's made up with strength what he doesn't have in height.

Jeff is 15 years old. Last June he won a national championship in weight lifting at the Junior Olympic Games in San Antonio, Texas.

"Since I'm 4'10", the weight lifting gets me a little bit more respect than I would otherwise get," said Jeff, a



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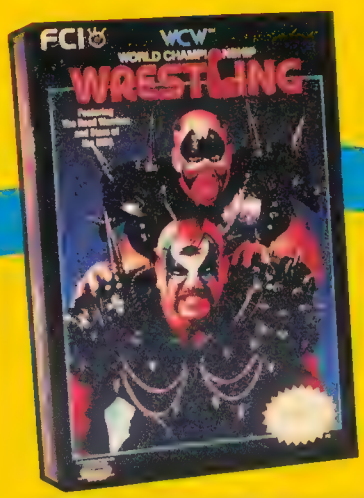

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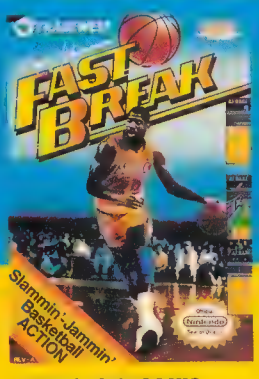

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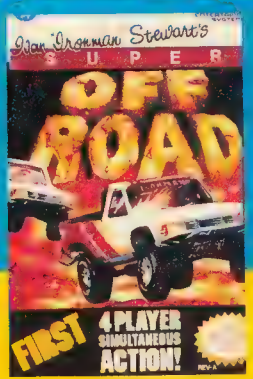

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sophomore at West Milwaukee High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Weight lifting and wrestling, Jeff's other sport, are ideal for guys like Jeff because competition is broken down into weight classes. Athletes compete only against opponents their own size. In fact, it was wrestling that led Jeff to get involved in weight lifting.

"Because of wrestling, I was lifting regularly anyway," Jeff said. "Then I started really doing well in the weight room and I wanted to see how far I could go."

He ended up going pretty far. Last season Jeff won 14 of the 15 weight lifting tournaments he competed in. His other finish was a second-place showing.

"He's a powerful puddle of muscle," said his coach, Richard Mintken. "He's also everything you'd want your son, teammate, or friend to be."

Jeff's success first came on the wrestling mat. Last year, on the junior varsity team, he posted a 14-1 record for the Mustangs. This year he moved up to varsity in the 103-lb. weight class.

"He's worked very hard to achieve the level of success he is enjoying now," his coach said. "He is so explosive on the mat that his teammates call him 'The Atom Bomb.'"

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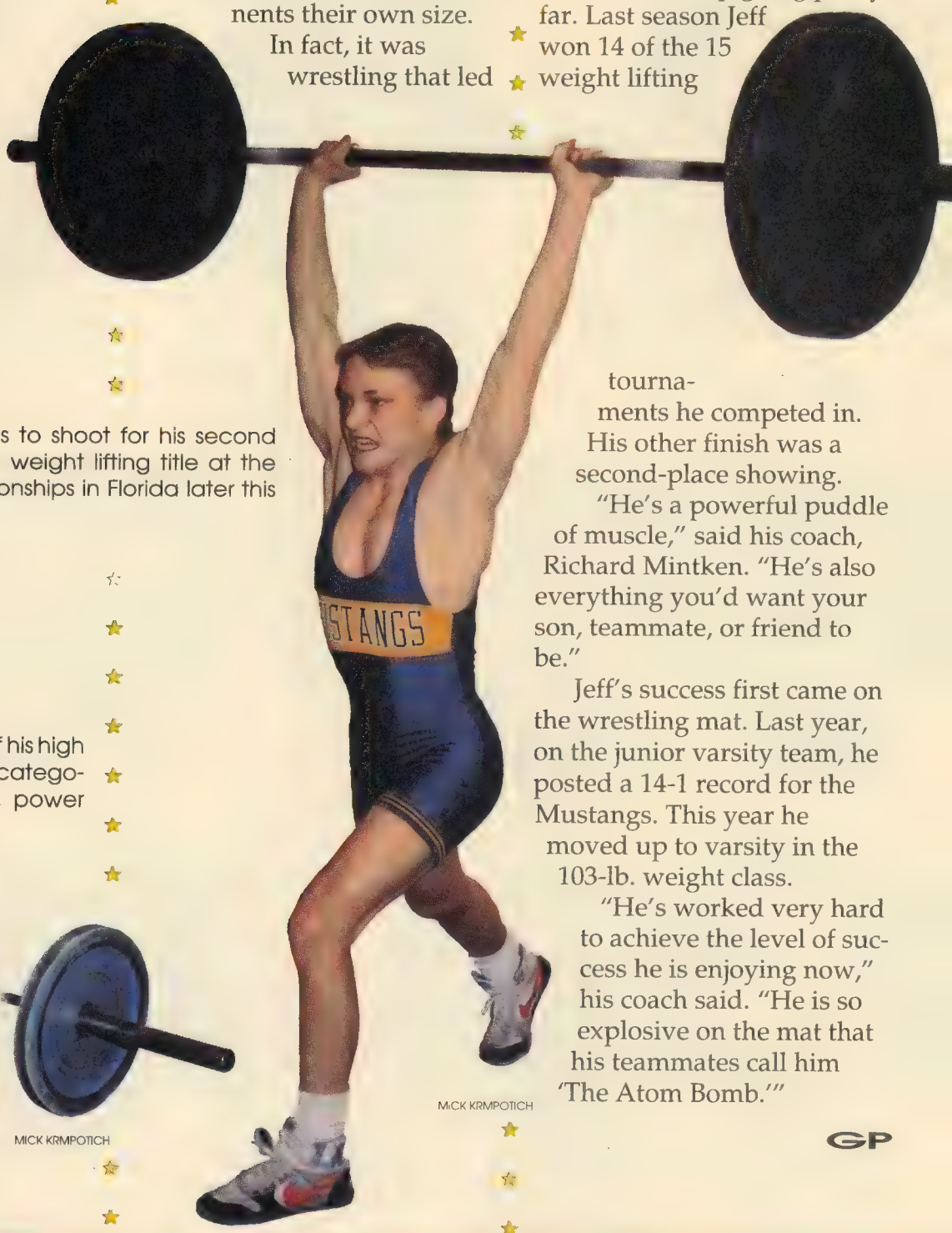

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He plans to shoot for his second national weight lifting title at the championships in Florida later this year.

"The Atom Bomb" is one of his high school's best lifters in four categories: squat, bench press, power clean, and dead lift.

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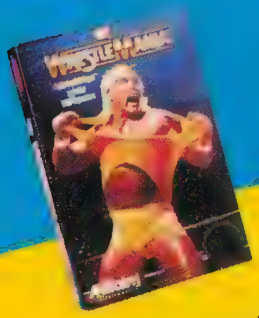

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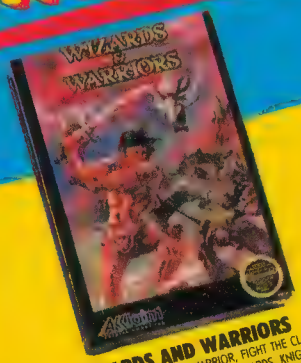

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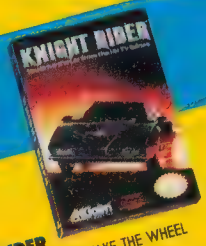

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To win pennants, baseball teams must perform like well-oiled machines; all parts must work in perfect harmony. That's where spring training comes in. Major-league teams pack up their bats, balls, and gloves and head to either Florida or Arizona, where they settle in for a few weeks of conditioning, drills, and practice games.

"In spring training, there's a lot of excitement and anticipation in the air," said Pete Incaviglia, star outfielder for the Texas Rangers. "All the players are excited to see each other because it's baseball time again."

Although each team may go about it differently, a typical day in spring training begins just as it does during the regular season — with a lot of stretching. The rest of the day is filled with running, batting practice, a host of drills, and maybe an exhibition game,

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which are played after the first few weeks.

Spring training is a good mix of work, rest, and fun. There are exhausting hours repeating the same play over and over and over again, and there are quiet nights to dream about home runs, no-hitters, and bringing home the pennant. Spring training is also a time to come together as a team. That means pranks, good times, and bad jokes.

"Every year during spring training, we play a joke on a rookie," said Geno Petralli, the Rangers' catcher. "We convince the rookie that one man can lift three guys at the same time. As soon as two veterans lock arms and legs with the new player on the floor, we start pouring all kinds of stuff on him — ketchup, shaving cream, garbage — anything."

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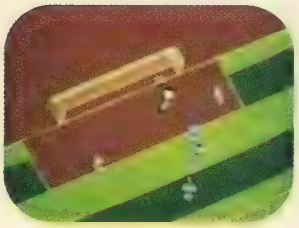

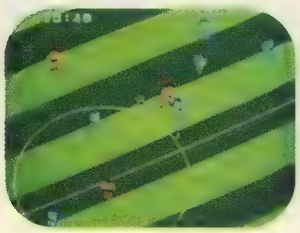

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Pitcher Nolan Ryan, baseball's all-time leader in strikeouts, knows the importance of stretching.

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Pete Incaviglia said he makes it easier on himself in spring training by staying in shape year-round.

"Nolan spends a lot of time conditioning," said Geno Petralli, Ryan's catcher. "Look at him — 42 years old and still smoking them."

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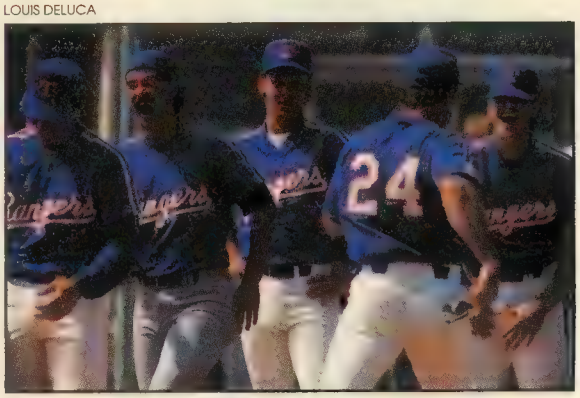

"Spring training is important for building team spirit," Petralli said. "You need to have time to just goof off together."

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Spring is one of the few times players' families can join them, which is good news to four-year-old Benjamin Petralli.

According to Petralli, spring training is tough on catchers because the hitters need batting practice and the pitchers need a lot of throwing time.

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Keeping an eye on things.

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Limbering up and stretching out.

9:32 a.m.

Manager Bobby Valentine leads the team in batting practice.

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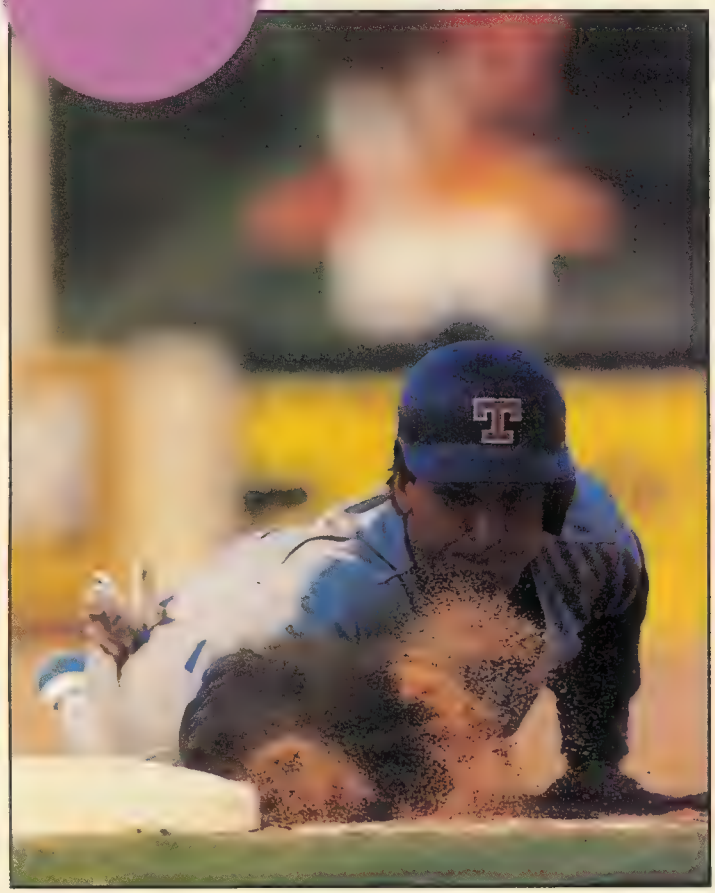

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Time to mingle with the faithful before hitting the showers.

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Even though the game of baseball was invented in the 1840s, the players didn't start wearing gloves until almost 30 years later.

The first first baseman to play with a glove was Charles Waite of Boston in 1875. The glove had a hole in the back to let air in and was flesh-colored so that no one would notice he was wearing it. When the glove was noticed, teammates and fans called Waite a sissy.

All players today wear gloves, from the pros to the little leagues, and over the past 115 years, people have come up with some unusual ways to make new gloves feel like favorite old ones.

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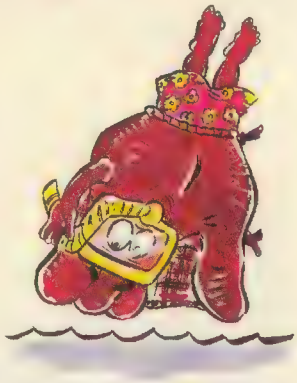
Today, Petralli said, he rubs shaving cream in the pocket to help loosen the glove.



Geno Petralli, catcher for the Texas Rangers, said his dad used to dunk his new glove in water, tie a ball in the pocket, and hang it up to dry.

Play a lot of catch.

Pete Incaviglia, outfielder for the Texas Rangers, said he used to pound his new gloves with a sledgehammer and a baseball bat.

Rub some liniment oil in the pocket of the glove, fold it up, and sleep with it under your pillow.

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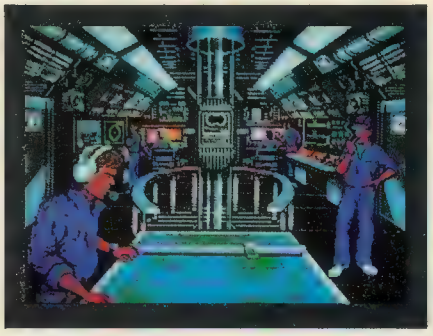

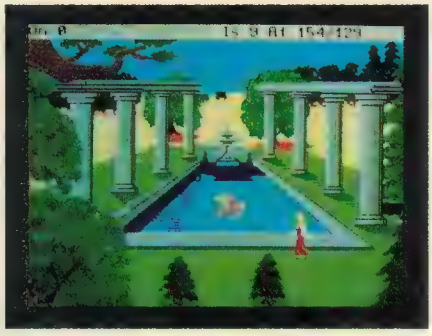

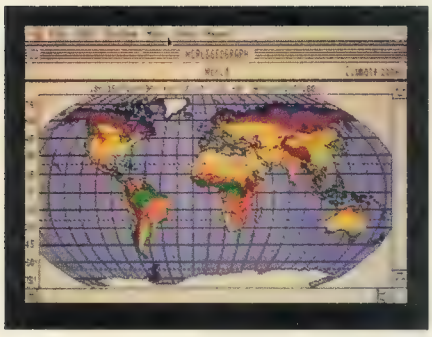

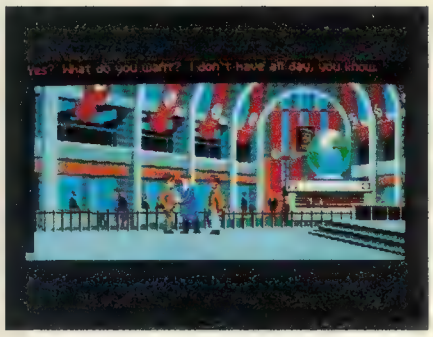

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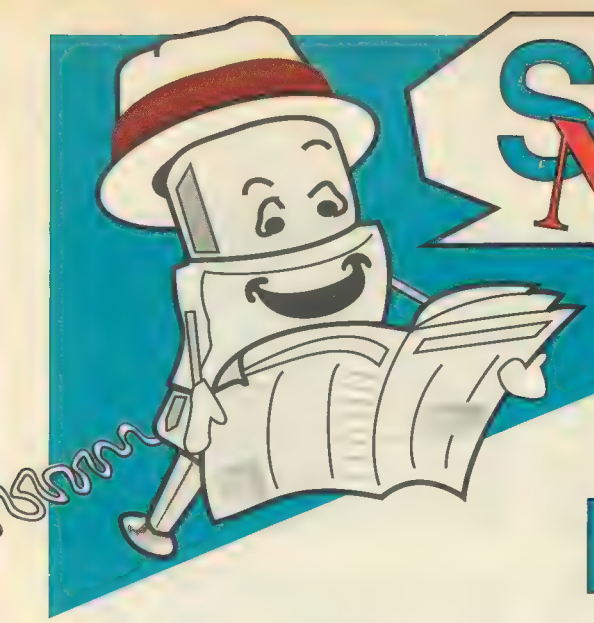

SPORTS NEWS

PROJECT ACES

Lenny Saunders is a physical education teacher at Valley View Elementary School in Montville, New Jersey.

Saunders, who is coordinating his second Project ACES, expects about one million kids to participate this May.

Danielle Richards/The Record

Lenny Saunders knows that many American children are out of shape. A year ago, he decided to do something about it.

Last May, Saunders, a physical education teacher in Montville, New Jersey, organized about 250,000 kids in schools across the country for a mass workout. He's doing it again this year.

At 10 a.m. on May 9, 1990, Saunders expects at least one million grade-schoolers to be participating in jogging, aerobics, and calisthenics for 15 minutes. "Last year I didn't decide to do this program until March and I was able to get 240,000 kids involved," he said. "This year, I'm starting a little earlier so we'll easily have a million."

Saunders' project, called ACES (American Children Exercising Simultaneously), is part of a larger plan to get children in shape. "I try to come up with programs that will encourage these healthy attitudes toward exercise," he said.

Last year, the 28-year-old teacher gave his kids a physical fitness test used by schools in the Soviet Union. "The Soviets did better on some parts of the test than we did," Saunders said, "and we ranked higher on other sections."

Saunders says he wants kids to understand the values of a long, healthy life. "If I can encourage good health habits in my kids," he said, "then I know they'll be in good shape when they grow up."

So ask your physical education teacher if your school is participating in Project ACES. If it isn't, maybe your teacher could get in touch with Lenny Saunders to find out more. His address: Valley View Elementary School, Montville, New Jersey 07045.

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SPORTS NEWS

DALLAS CUP

From April 8-15, 152 youth soccer teams from 23 countries will come to Texas to play in the 11th Dallas Cup. The annual competition is one of the biggest youth soccer tournaments in the United States.

The Dallas Cup helps American teams learn about world soccer and introduces foreign teams to American life. Thirty of the 38 teams coming from other countries will stay in homes in the Dallas area.

Teams range in age from under-19 to under-12. They are divided into seven categories, five for boys and two for girls.

The Bolivian team has won the tournament for the past three years in the boys under-19 group. Even though they compete as an under-19 team, many of the players are under 16.

The Tahuichi team is unique because it comes from the Bolivian jungles of South America. They have very little money, so they live at a special school founded for poor kids from the area. At school they play soccer together every day as well as go to classes.

When they aren't playing soccer, the players have fun learning about each other's countries. Everyone goes home with souvenirs they have swapped. **GP**

Thailand and Italy go against each other in the under-12 semifinals last year. The Italian team, US Voluntas, won the under-12 championship.

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The Denmark team during opening ceremonies for last year's Dallas Cup.

Players from the Academica Tahuichi of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, celebrate winning their third straight under-19 Dallas Cup championship.

SPORTS NEWS

QUEENS OF THE COURT

They've been matched against each other on tennis courts and in newspaper headlines around the world. They've battled each other for the championships of 14 Grand Slam tournaments. For 12 of the past 15 years, one or the other has been ranked as the top tennis player in the world.

And through it all, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova have been the best of friends.

Because they were the top players in the world, they usually found themselves playing each other in tournament finals. That meant spending seven days a week together — in a locker room.

"You just develop friendship and respect," Chris said. "There were many times when we played when I lost and I would be really upset and Martina would come over and comfort me, and vice versa.

"It's tough when you're number one and two. It's very rare that you're really close friends."

Sticking together as friends through their 15-year rivalry wasn't always easy. "We learned, finally, after a lot of

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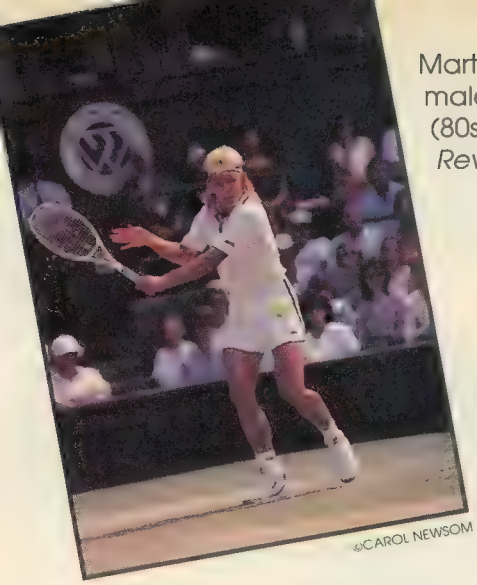
Chris was named the "Greatest Woman Athlete of the Last 25 Years" by the Womens Sports Foundation in 1985.

Martina won her first Wimbledon title when she and Chris captured the doubles championship in 1976. Since then, Martina has won eight singles titles, six doubles championships, and one mixed-doubles crown on the grass courts of Wimbledon.



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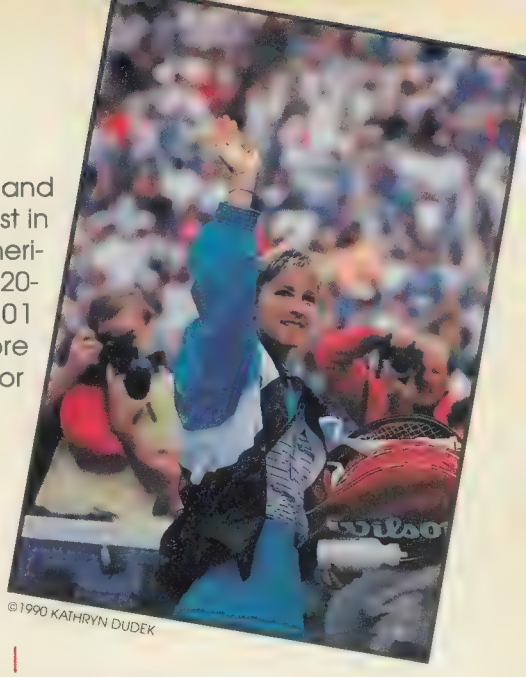
Martina was named the "Female Athlete of the Decade (80s)" by *The National Sports Review.*



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Chris competed in her 19th and final U.S. Open in 1989. She lost in the quarterfinals to fellow American Zina Garrison. Over her 20-year career, she won 101 matches at the Open — more than any other player, male or female.

years, to separate the on-the-court competition with the off-court friendship, but we had our ups and downs," Chris said.

Will there ever be a rivalry more glorious than Evert vs. Navratilova?

Martina doesn't think so. "I don't think people will last that long," she said. "I don't see anybody playing 20 years, like Chris did. I think players get burned out much quicker now. We've all seen them come and go.

"You may see the closest thing between Graf and Sabatini, but I don't think they'll last as long as Chris and I. I don't think they're *planning* on playing that long. Of course, Chris and I didn't either," she said, laughing.

They brought out the best in each other, on the court, for 15 years. Now, Chris has retired from competition and Martina is playing some of the best tennis of her life. But you can bet the two will remain close.

"You know," Chris said, "Martina lives three houses away from me in Aspen so we're going to stay good friends, I'm sure."

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Friends on the court and off, they cheered each other in victory and consoled each other in defeat.

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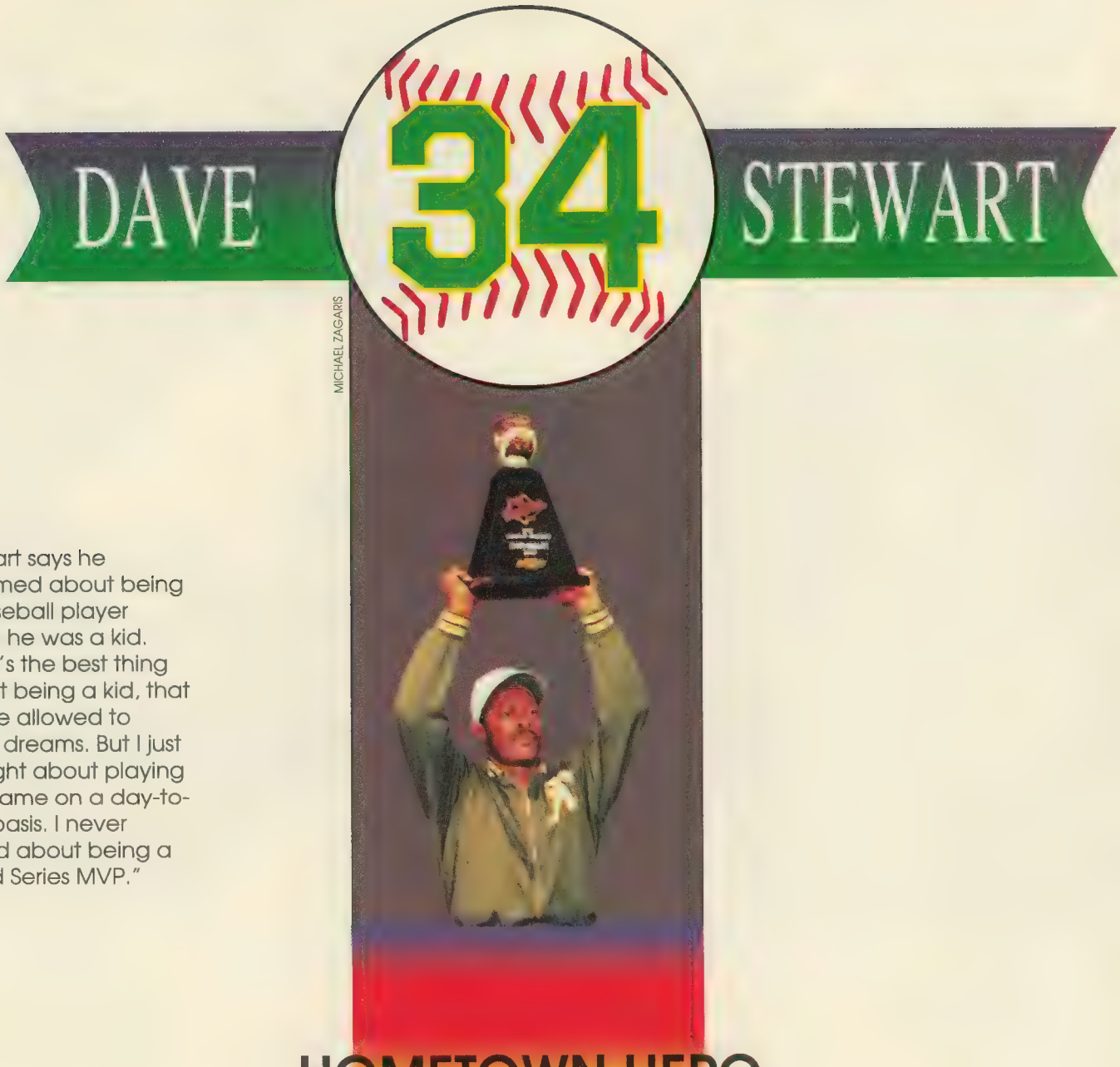

Stewart says he dreamed about being a baseball player when he was a kid. "That's the best thing about being a kid, that you're allowed to have dreams. But I just thought about playing the game on a day-to-day basis. I never talked about being a World Series MVP."

HOMETOWN HERO

Kim Boatman

The last time we saw Dave Stewart, he was on top of a pitchers mound and on top of the world. And he was living almost any kid's dream, pitching the Oakland Athletics, his hometown team, to a World Series championship. In lots of ways, life couldn't get any better for Dave Stewart than it was last October. He beat the Toronto Blue Jays twice in the American League playoffs and shut down the San Francisco Giants with a pair of World Series victories in the A's four-game sweep. Stewart was holding the Series' Most Valuable Player trophy high over his head as the A's and Oakland celebrated.

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Stewart is still close to his mom, who joined him in the Athletics' locker room to celebrate Oakland's victory over Toronto in last fall's American League Championship Series.

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Stewart looks downright mean when he pitches, with his cap pulled low over his "death stare." Athletics coach Dave Duncan calls him "the ultimate competitor, always prepared to pitch, mentally and physically."

But it wasn't always like this for Stewart. Success didn't come easily or quickly. In 1986, Stewart had been so down on his luck that the Philadelphia Phillies gave up on him. Now, he is accepted as one of baseball's best pitchers.

Stewart enjoys the recognition but doesn't really like playing the role of a star or World Series hero. That's why baseball fans saw so little of him last winter. He just wanted to be himself, sharing time with his family and his charity projects. He didn't make a lot of appearances, commercials, or interviews. He takes his success in stride.

"My life is always basically the same, no matter what goes on," Stewart said. "I still keep the same perspective. People try to place more demands on you. I'm still the same person."

Keeping things in perspective means not dwelling on last season's success, even though it was greater than he expected.

"I expected to win the World Series this year. If you're talking about being Series MVP, winning two games, I didn't expect that..." he said.

"I'm very pleased with the way I played, but that's just one year."

October was also a troubling time for Stewart, who is known for his love for and commitment to the city of Oakland. The October 17 earthquake in Northern California caused death and destruction and delayed the World Series. And Stewart found himself thinking more about people who needed help than about baseball.

"The first night after the earthquake, I was up until 4:30 or 5 in the morning," he said. Stewart visited the site of a collapsed freeway in Oakland several times. He also visited injured people at a hospital and helped raise funds for earthquake relief efforts.

He was one of the A's and Giants players most affected by the earthquake.

"I'm born here. I'm raised here," he said. "That's the difference. I wouldn't expect a player born in Mobile, Alabama, and playing in Oakland

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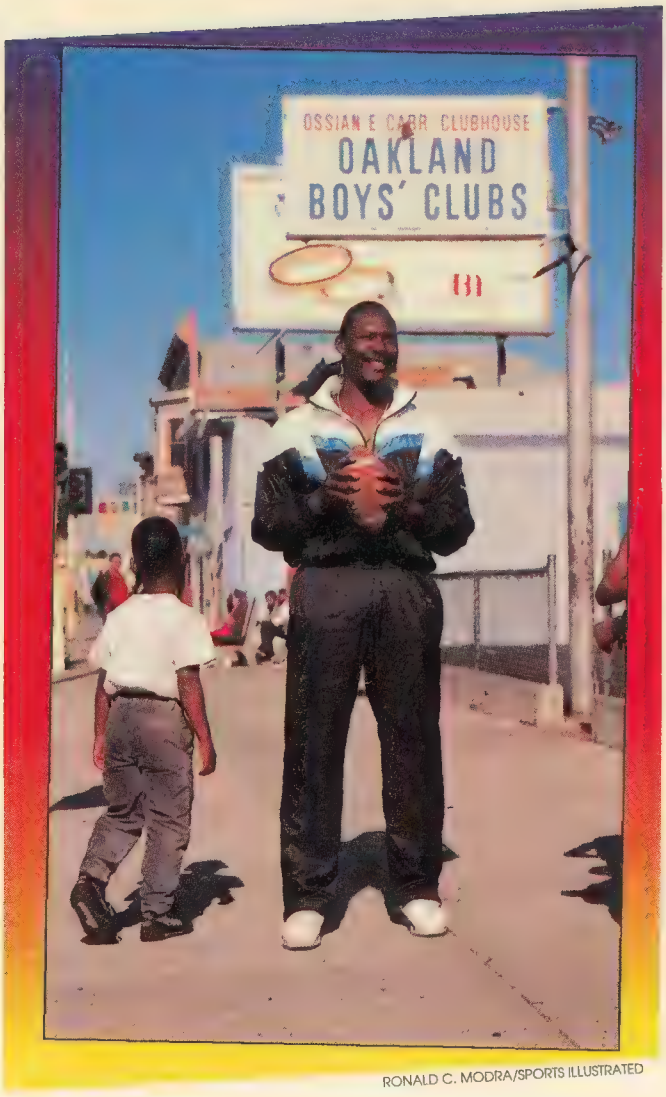

Dave enjoys spending time with kids, and they like him, too.

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to care as much as I do. Part of my character comes from this city. It's my roots."

Oakland isn't a glamorous place. It has a small-town image compared to San Francisco across the bay. It's a town known for its working people, not for celebrities.

Stewart, 33, and his seven brothers and sisters grew up in Oakland. His mother, Nathalie, worked hard to raise her family because Stewart's father died when Dave was a youngster. He remains close to his family. His mother often can be found in the stands at the Oakland Coliseum. When the A's won the American League crown, Stewart's mother was by his side during the locker room celebration.

As a kid, Stewart was a fan of both the A's and the Giants. Now he's an all-star pitcher,. but then he was a catcher. Stewart and A's teammate Rickey Henderson played on the same team as teenagers, and Henderson still teases Stewart about not being a very good hitter (most big-league pitchers aren't!).

Stewart moved to the pitchers mound as a minor-leaguer with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who drafted him after high school. His major-league career took him from Los Angeles to Texas to Philadelphia before he came home again to Oakland in 1986, when the Phillies released him. At that time, Stewart was a struggling pitcher who had never won more than nine games in a season.

Stewart credits much of his success to the guidance of A's manager Tony LaRussa and pitching coach Dave Duncan. Stewart says Duncan taught him his best pitch, the forkball, which drops when it reaches the plate. And he learned not to try to overpower every batter with his fastball.

"I've learned to change speeds on my breaking ball," he said. "I've gained confidence in not throwing the fastball 90-miles-per-hour-plus every pitch."

Now he's the first pitcher

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Stewart shows the form and intensity that allowed him to win two games in the 1989 World Series.

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

to win 20 games or more in three straight seasons since Jim Palmer of the Baltimore Orioles did it from 1975-78. His 62-34 record is the best in the majors the last three seasons.

And he's the most popular man in Oakland, as much for his off-field work as for his pitching. He started KidsCorps, an organization that matches youth projects with companies that can support them. He sponsors a girls' track team, Little League and softball teams, and a dance troupe.

When he talks to kids, Stewart says, he doesn't dwell on the tough times he had as a youngster or as a pro athlete.

"If there is a story [in my life], it's that you never give up. I believe if you work hard enough, things will happen. I tell kids to be an individual, to be able to think for themselves."

Stewart takes pride in working hard at both his job and his personal life. He helps raise his two kids, Adrian, 12, and Alyse, 7, who live with his former wife in Southern California. Stewart sounds like a typical father when he brags about his son's soccer skills. Adrian got to join his dad in the clubhouse before Stewart pitched in the 1989 All-Star Game at Anaheim, California. But Adrian missed some of the playoffs and the World Series because his parents wanted to deliver a message.

"He caught a few games, but he was on punishment because of a lack of work at school," Stewart said. "I just think that school is very important.... To me, education is the most important thing, and everything else comes second."

Stewart's own education has continued as an adult. After nine years in the majors, he thinks he has learned some things. He hasn't won a Cy Young award, given to the best pitcher in each league, despite his record for the last three seasons. He finds that the award and the recognition aren't as important to him as they once were.

"In years before, the last couple years, I would probably spend a lot of time thinking about whether I'm being appreciated or not," he said. But now, "just being me is good enough."

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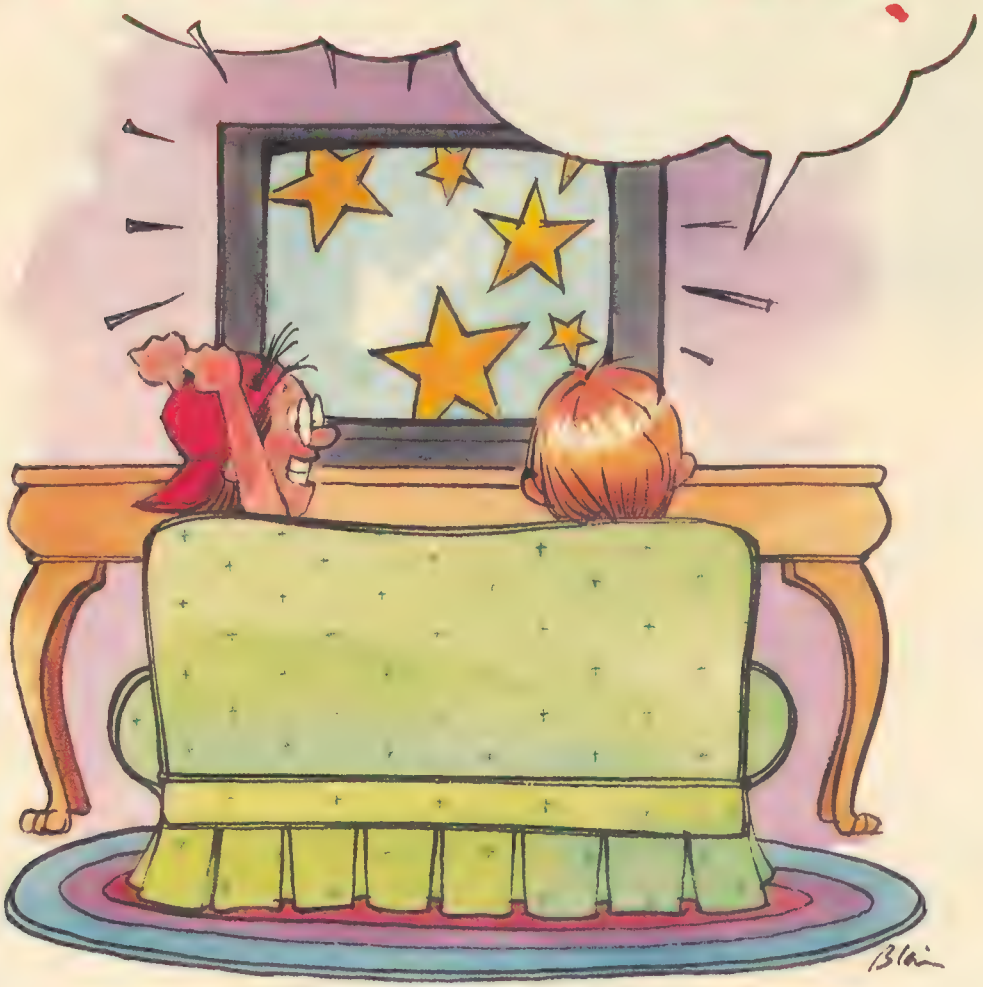

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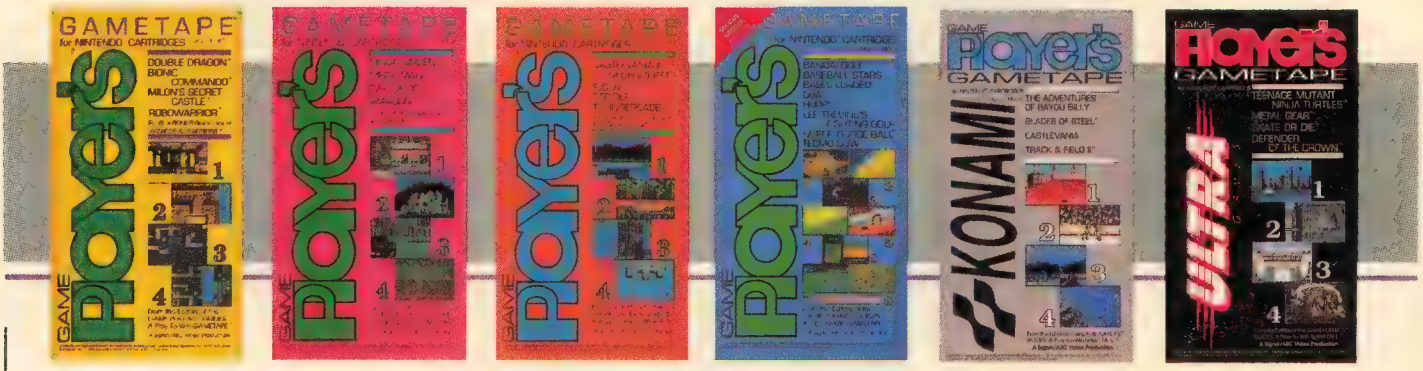

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THEY'RE IN!

For the first time in 40 years, the U.S. national soccer team will play in the world's greatest soccer tournament.

The most important goal of all time in American soccer may have happened in a game last November.

Paul Caligiuri of the U.S. national team was about 25 yards from the goal defended by the team of Trinidad and Tobago, an island nation near Venezuela. He found an opening and took a shot. His left-footed goal was all the scoring the U.S. team needed in a 1-0 victory.

That game gave U.S. soccer fans something really big to cheer about: The United States is in the World Cup finals for the first time in 40 years. The U.S. team will be one of 24 competing for the world soccer championship. The games will be played in Italy this June and July. The World Cup is so big that it's held only once every four years, like the Olympics.

For the U.S. team, the final qualifying round came down to its last game at Trinidad

How sweet it is! The United States triumphs over Trinidad and Tobago to enter the World Cup.

and Tobago. The United States team needed a victory to qualify for the finals. A tie or a loss would have put Trinidad and Tobago into the finals instead.

When the last qualifying round began a year ago, the U.S. team was confident that they would reach the finals, even though U.S. teams had failed to do so since 1950.

The United States played eight games in the final qualifying round. Only the top two teams in its group would make the field of 24 for Italy.

"I thought we were going to make it before the season began," said Brian Bliss, a defender-midfielder. "When we [started competing], it was harder than we thought it would be."

The Americans lost to Costa Rica 1-0 in the very first game they played.

"That opened our eyes," defender John Doyle said.

But the U.S. team didn't lose again, winning three games and tying three on the way to its last game. Costa Rica had clinched first place and a spot in the World Cup competition. The United States and Trinidad and Tobago were tied for second.

"We were disappointed that we didn't qualify early," Doyle said. "We made it hard on ourselves."

If the teams had tied the last game, Trinidad and Tobago would have gone to Italy because it had scored more goals in the qualifying rounds.

Paul Caligiuri battles for the ball against Guatemala at a home game in Connecticut. It was his game-winning goal against Trinidad and Tobago that made history.

A muddied John Doyle races for the ball. Several days of rain set the scene for a tie between the United States and Guatemala in Guatemala.

"We had our backs against the wall," said U.S. captain Mike Windischmann. "We all pulled together. We knew we had to get the job done."

Can the U.S. team do the job again in Italy? The United States will play against Austria, Italy, and Czechoslovakia in the first round. Italy is one of the favorites to win, and not just because it's the home team. Italy won the World Cup in 1982.

The top two teams from that group will move on to the second round. It won't be easy for the United States. The U.S. team will be at a disadvantage because it is playing against countries where soccer is the number one sport.

"We don't realize how seriously they take it," Doyle said. "Their players are like the Joe Montanas of their countries."

By contrast, the players on the U.S. team are some of the best players in the country, but they aren't very famous. The team is made up of Americans who play for U.S. pro teams, semi-pro teams, colleges, and foreign teams.

To prepare for the first round, the United States will play games against European teams that play like the teams they're matched against in their group. European teams play with a style that is precise, strong, and fast. The U.S. has scheduled practice games with the Soviet Union, which plays like Czechoslovakia,

Goalie Tony Meola won the 1989 Hermann Award as the best player in men's collegiate soccer. During his play in the qualifying rounds, he didn't allow any goals.

Brian Bliss boots the ball as the United States and Trinidad and Tobago play for the final qualifying spot. Bliss is a five-year veteran of the national team and member of the 1988 Olympic squad.

and a German team that is similar to Austria.

The U.S. team will also have some hard training sessions. Doyle said the practices are difficult and the players have to be in great shape.

Doyle, who played on the 1988 Olympic team, said players make big sacrifices to be on the national team. Since many of the games are played in other countries, the players spend a lot of time away from home. Doyle said he misses being home for birthdays. But there are rewards, too.

"When you walk on the field, it's all worth it," he said.

On June 14 the Americans will step onto the field to play against Italy in Rome, the Italian capital. With more than 80,000 fans cheering for Italy, it will be the ultimate "away" game.

"Walking onto the field for the World Cup is something every girl and boy dreams of," Doyle said.

Bliss added, "It doesn't get any better."

Team captain Mike Windischmann goes for the ball against an eager Trinidad and Tobago player.

In heavy traffic, John Stollmeyer heads the ball against El Salvador. After this game ended in a tie, the U.S. team had to win against Trinidad and Tobago two weeks later.

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THE WORLD CUP:
HOW IT WORKS

Since soccer is the number one sport in many countries, winning the World Cup is like winning the Super Bowl. But winning soccer's world championship is a much bigger — and longer — job.

The first regional qualifying matches for the World Cup began almost two years ago. Just about every nation in the world was playing at the beginning — 167 teams in all! By the end of the qualifying rounds last fall, 24 teams were left for the final competition.

For the games in Italy this June, the teams have been divided into six groups for the first round. More than one billion people around the world watched the draw on television last December to see which teams would play each other in the first round. The U.S. team is grouped with Italy, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

Each team will play three first-round games. Sixteen teams will go on to the second round, based on their first-round records.

In the second round, one loss means you're out. Finally, one team will stand alone as the soccer champion of the world.

This year's World Cup will be bigger news than ever in the United States. That's because the U.S. team is in it for the first time in 40 years. But four years from now, it will be even bigger news. In 1994 the World Cup will be played in the United States for the first time.

John Doyle drives for the ball in the crucial game against Trinidad and Tobago.

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When he was just a toddler, Antonio Carlos Pecorari, "Tatu," started kicking soccer balls with his father in their backyard.

In Brazil, where Tatu grew up, soccer is the country's number one sport. He said soccer is as big there as football is in the United States. Brazil's soccer players are outstanding. "To be a professional soccer player in my country is very, very, very special," he said.

And Tatu should know, because he became one of those special players.

Eventually Tatu moved to the United States to play soccer. "I love [America] as much as I love my country. It is definitely the best country in the world."

The two countries are very different, though. In Brazil prices rise incredibly fast, Tatu said. "You can buy groceries in the morning and by the afternoon the price has changed."

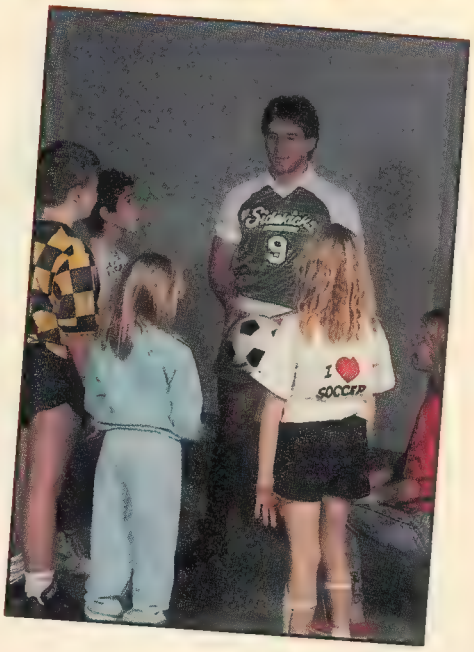
Rising prices don't worry Tatu now. He has a solid contract with the Dallas Sidekicks of the Major Indoor Soccer League. The team leader in scoring, he has knocked in as many as five goals in one game! This season he is trying to break the club record for most goals scored, a record he set in 1987.

Tatu has a great personality to match his incredible playing ability. Each time Tatu scores a goal, he takes off his jersey and throws it into the crowd. He said he does it to get fans excited about the game.

In the summer, Tatu holds soccer camps for kids. He said he likes kids because they are funny, they don't complain, and most of them are truthful. "They will tell you if they don't like you. You can't be a fake around kids. Adults don't know when you are faking, but kids do.

"Being around kids gives me a lot of energy because they are so wonderful... Besides, we're almost the same size," Tatu said. He is 5'6" tall. "I have to look up to adults, but kids look up to me. We're almost eye to eye."

TATU TELLS HOW TO HEAD A SOCCER BALL



Tatu tells how to head the ball.

Tatu of the Dallas Sidekicks is one of the leading scorers in the Major Indoor Soccer League. However, when he was a kid, he had some of the same problems you may have when hitting the ball with your head.

The first thing you should do, Tatu says, is get under the ball. You should position yourself for power. Your power comes from bringing your head back and reaching as if to catch the ball.

"When your head moves forward, your arms go back. You are reaching like you're catching, but let the ball go through your arms ... the moment it goes through, bring arms back and head forward.

"The moment your arms are coming back, you should open your arms like wings," he said, the same way you have your arms bent and elbows out when you pass a basketball. This protects your head and keeps others from coming near you.

"I have a broken nose because when I was a kid I didn't open my arms," Tatu said. "I had my arms down like most kids do now, and someone cut in and headed my nose."

Using your arms this way also helps you put power behind the ball.

"You have to be aggressive. Go meet the ball," Tatu said. "It is like hitting a baseball, you have to make contact with the ball, you can't wait for it to hit the bat."

Sometimes you don't have time to position yourself. When the ball comes toward

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In the days before Christmas, people hunting for Nintendo cartridges to stuff into the stockings of their loved ones mainly found empty racks. Every new game seemed to be in short supply.

But since January there has been a consistent stream of new releases. Even *Super Mario Bros. 2* and *Double Dragon* are now available. And it seems the new releases have more personality than games of the past — which all too often seemed interchangeable, like clones of each other. Certainly *Amagon*, *Bubble Bobble*, and *Golgo 13* are not imitations of games that have come before.

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Leslie Mizell

Bionic Commando

Neither is *Bionic Commando*, Capcom's new adventure. Okay, our hero is single-handedly battling hordes of heavily armed soldiers, trying to rescue Super Joe, and attempting to destroy the Imperial Army's arsenals at the same time. And yes, he's armed with a gun that gets more powerful throughout the game until it becomes a "hyper bazooka."

Still, the Bionic Commando does not run, jump, and karate chop his way through enemy lines. Instead, he has a special grappling mechanism called a bionic arm. When he reaches a chasm, or when he needs to reach a high ledge, he just shoots a wire (remember Spiderman?) which is immediately anchored. Then he can either jump across the chasm or raise himself to the ledge.

The game begins on a map of 19 areas. The helicopter which drops the Bionic Commando can travel to any of the zones. Watch out for enemy trucks, however, because when you run into one, you automatically descend and battle the enemy. Areas 1 through 12 are each different, with dangerous missions to complete. Areas 13-19 are "neutral zones." They contain masses of enemies to defeat, but always in the same patterns. You'll pick up vital supplies in the neutral zones that you'll need to complete other areas. A flare gun in zone 13, for example, lights the tunnel in area 4 so you won't have to battle soldiers in the dark.

When you encounter the enemy, you descend into one of two locales — a beach or a desert. Here, you fight the enemy on a short,

1. Study the *Bionic Commando* map to decide when to descend and when to transfer.
2. In area 1, you should quickly get behind this soldier and shoot him before he shoots you.
3. This power beam is deadly, so hoist yourself up and shoot out the generator.
4. Fire directly into the core of the main system to destroy it, but watch for soldiers!
5. When you eliminate armored soldiers in the vertical scrolling areas, you earn eagles worth extra firepower.

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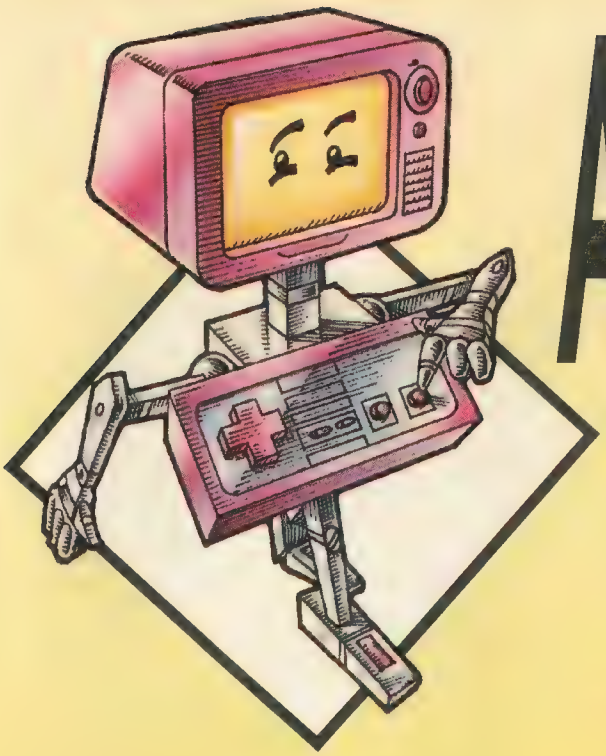

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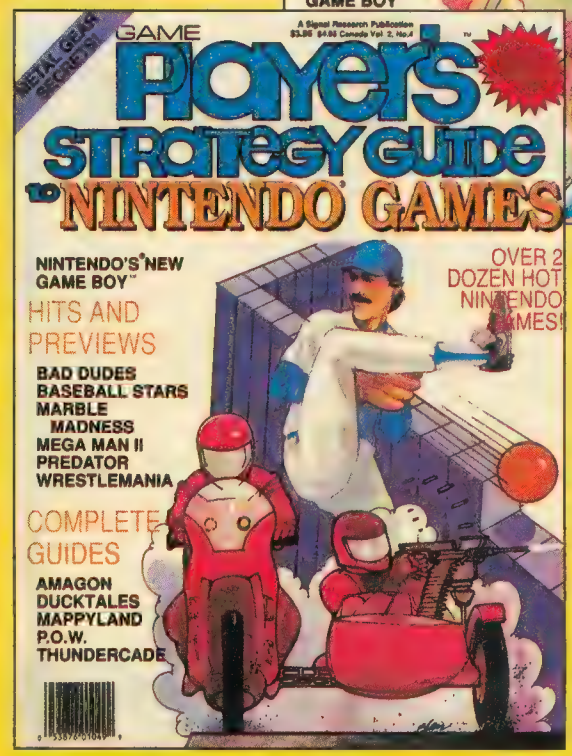

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you, it is best to head it in the opposite direction, rather than at an angle. "In Brazil we say you 'send it back the way it came,'" Tatu said.

If you are trying to score a goal, he said, it will be harder for the goalie to save if you head the ball toward the ground.

TATU'S TIPS

1. "You must keep your eyes open. If you are afraid and close your eyes, the ball can hit your nose."
2. "Don't put your tongue out, protect it."
3. "When you are going to head the ball, don't use the top of your head. Use your forehead because it is a hard area. The top of your head that has hair is soft and you don't get the impact, the ball goes straight up."

And one last piece of advice: Heading the ball is a difficult move, you can injure yourself if you do it incorrectly. Make sure to have a parent or coach show you the correct way to do it before you try it.

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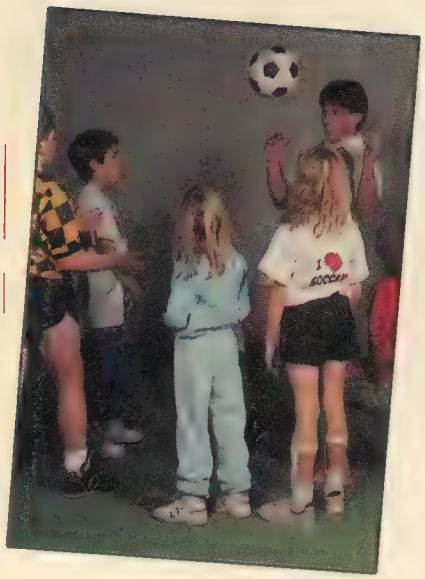
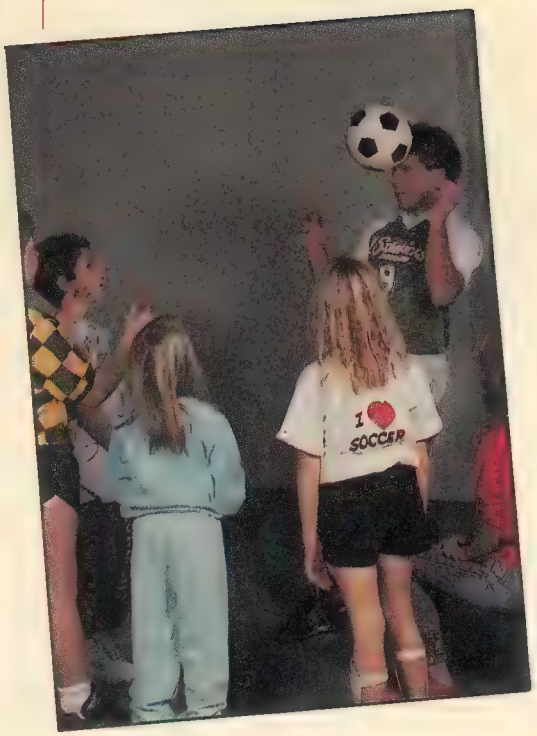
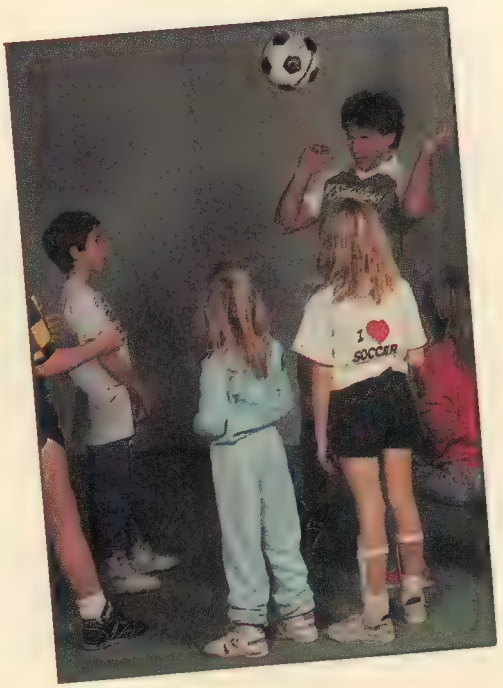


Keep your eyes open.



Hit the ball with your forehead.



Tatu sends the ball back the way it came.

RIDDLE LEAGUE

HELENE HOVANEC

Write the answers to each clue in the numbered spaces. Then put each letter into its box in the grid at the bottem of the page. A black space means the end of a word. Work back and forth between the grid and the clues. When you're finished you'll find a riddle and its answer in the diagram.

CLUES

A. The season after summer __ __ __ __
30 3 16 42

B. Board game with knights __ __ __ __ __
23 5 8 19 34

C. "Three blind ---" __ __ __ __
47 9 26 17

D. Not on time __ __ __ __
31 37 25 14

E. Icy rain __ __ __ __
27 46 32 43

F. Performed in a choir __ __ __ __
29 6 21 10

G. Material for a ghost costume __ __ __ __ __
38 11 28 39 4

H. Cover a sore with this __ __ __ __ __ __ __
36 35 15 22 24 18 45

I. Use the tub __ __ __ __ __
40 20 12 2 33

J. ----- paper basket __ __ __ __ __
1 41 7 44 13

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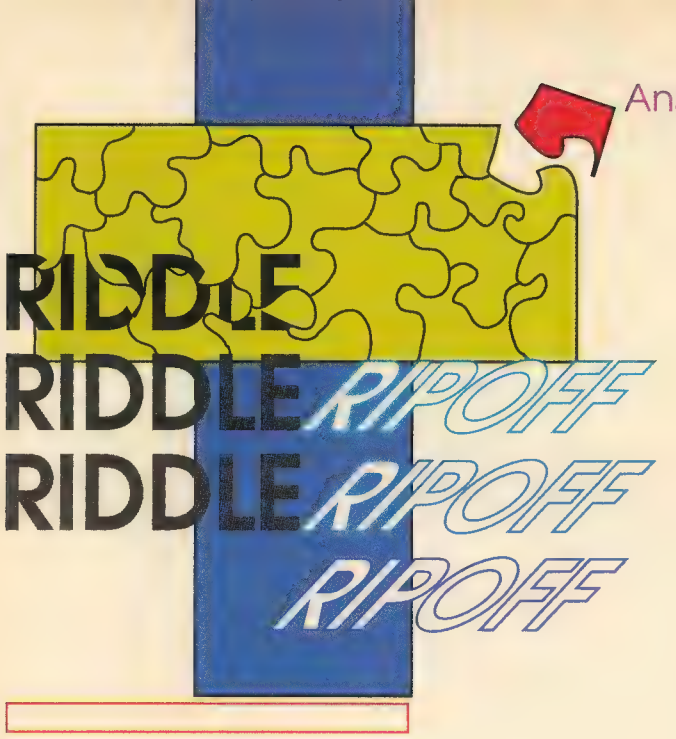

Answers from page 51...

A. Fall
B. Chess
C. Mice
D. Late
E. Hail
F. Sang
G. Sheet
H. Bandage
I. Bathe
J. Waste

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TRAINING TABLE

JUST ADD WATER

Does your body know something that it's not telling you? When it comes to thirst it does. During exercise your body can get dehydrated before you even feel thirsty.

To make sure you take in the fluid you need, here are some tips from Dr. Liz Applegate, a sports nutritionist and professional triathlete.

1. It is important to take in some water before you exercise. Drink one-half to one cup of water one hour before exercising.

2. Get water while you are exercising. Have a bike bottle with you, or play near a water fountain.

3. After you exercise, you need more water. Drink another one-half to one cup of water within 15 minutes after you stop exercising.

4. Water is the best drink if you are exercising for a short while. If you are playing soccer all afternoon or some other game that lasts a long time, take in a sports drink like Gatorade or Exceed.

5. Think about what you drink. The caffeine in soda pop can cause water loss. Water and real fruit juices are the best choices.

Remember, the hotter you are and the more you exercise, the more water you will need. Drink a little more than your thirst tells you.

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JERRY CASCIANO

NO HORSING AROUND

LISA M. BOUCHEY

Not many famous athletes would walk into the White House and greet the President of the United States with a neigh, but superstar jockey Julie Krone did ... and she left the President laughing.

As one of the top three riders in the nation, Julie spends a lot of time promoting thoroughbred horse racing. She was invited to meet President Bush last year on National Women in Sports Day, and instead of just shaking his hand, she greeted him with a whinny.

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Julie won the first race of her career in December 1980. She made her first trip to the winner's circle aboard Lord Farkle when she was 17.

In 1988, Julie became the first female jockey to compete in a Breeders' Cup race. She finished fourth on Forty Niner in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

That's only natural for the woman who won a county fair horse show, 21-and-under division, at age *five*.

Today, at 26, Julie is the best female rider in history, and she's won more than 1,200 races. But she doesn't just want to be known as the best female rider ever. "It feels better to be one of the top three riders in the nation. Being the top girl is good," Julie said, "but being one of the best — period — is better."

As a kid, she had dreams of being the greatest jockey ever. And she had two heroes — Tarzan and jockey Steve Cauthen.

Steve Cauthen "was the reason I wanted to be a jockey," Julie explained. Cauthen was a teenage riding sensation in the 1970s, the youngest jockey ever to win racing's Triple Crown.

By the time she was 13, Julie says she *knew* she was going to be the greatest jockey in the world. She thought about it, she dreamed about it, she even told her horse Ralph about it.

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Julie has always shared her horse dreams with her mother, Judi. Julie's come a long way since, at age five, she led her horse into their Michigan farmhouse so her mother could saddle it.

One of the best jockeys in the country, and one of the most popular, Julie is a regular guest on TV shows like *The Tonight Show*

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The one race that Julie wants to win more than any other is the greatest horse race of all — the Kentucky Derby. Until now, only two women have ridden in the 115-year-old race. "It'll happen," Julie said. "I'm just waiting for it."

And Tarzan?

"Yeah, Tarzan," Julie said, smiling. "If you ever read a [Tarzan] comic book or watched a TV show, there was always a lesson to be learned about good and evil, about overcoming things. I especially liked that he would go out and take care of the bad guys and then go back to the jungle and be so close to the animals."

Julie's had her own experiences with overcoming things.

"I always liked being little," Julie said. (Today, she stands tall at 4' 10 1/2".) "It was a little hard when people started dating, but I just found myself lost in sports and ani-

Starring Johnny Carson and *Late Night with David Letterman.* She also spends a lot of time talking with fans.

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Julie fell during a race late last year and doctors don't know how long she'll be sidelined with her broken arm.

A year and a half later, Julie sat atop a horse named Lord Farkle in the winner's circle at Tampa Bay Downs in Florida — her first winner.

But getting to the top hasn't been easy for Julie. She had to overcome the fact that owners, trainers, and even other jockeys didn't think women were good enough riders to win horse races.

Julie learned tricks. She wandered through the barns at dawn each morning, passing out doughnuts to the trainers and carrots to the horses. She shook the hands of horse owners hard enough to

mals. Being little wasn't the problem, maturing was the problem."

She learned quickly how to deal with being a teenager who looked like she was still in the third grade.

Julie knew she had to get close to the business before she could become a part of it. The spring before her 16th birthday, she convinced her mother to change the date on her birth certificate — to make her a year older so she could get a job at a racetrack. It worked. She got a job as a groom and an exercise rider at Churchill Downs in Kentucky in 1979.

JERRY CASCIANO

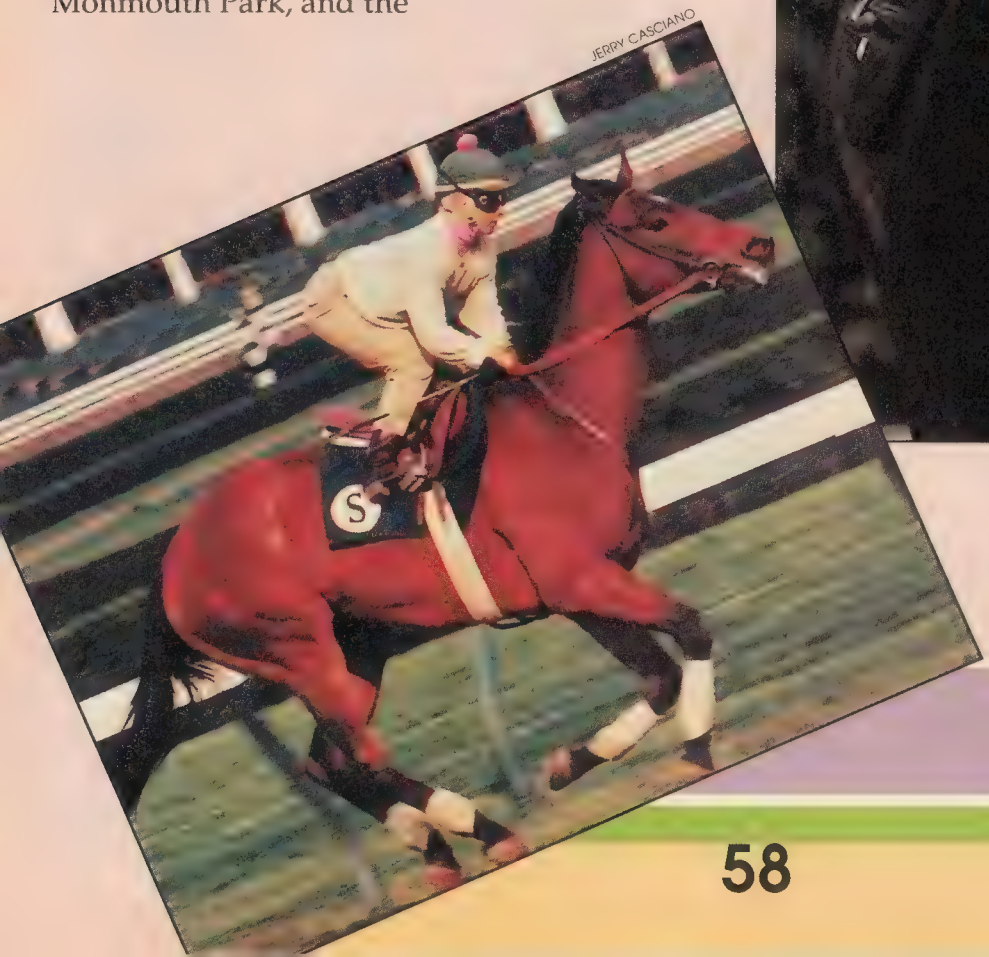
Julie beat Bill Shoemaker (the winningest jockey of all time) in a one-on-one race in 1988.

make them wince, hard enough to convince them she was strong enough to ride their horses — all the way to the winner's circle.

Then one day, trainers started to notice how the horses she rode responded to her commands. Other jockeys had to fight with some horses to keep them in control. Julie had to struggle with human beings, but she was at ease with horses.

Pretty soon, owners and trainers were offering her so many horses that she could take her pick of two or three mounts for each race. And she was off ... galloping toward her dream of being the best jockey ever.

These days, Julie rides on top tracks in New York and New Jersey and she's won riding titles at Atlantic City, Monmouth Park, and the



Julie said she's had a lot more bad days than she has good ones. "But it's not productive to think about them," she said, "So I try not to."

Julie doesn't have much free time, but she said she likes having time to relax. "I never watch TV, except for the nature channel," she said. "I like to read and do all sorts of physical activities."

Meadowlands. She is one of three jockeys in the world who's won six races in a row — in a single day. And in 1988, she became the winningest female jockey in thoroughbred racing history when she won the 1,205th race of her career.

Sitting on top of the racing world, Julie says the obstacles she had to overcome in thoroughbred racing are small compared to the problems she faces every day.

"Everyday living," Julie said, is the toughest thing. "The hardest things are paying bills, driving in traffic, dealing with life's little adversities. They're tougher than anything racing has handed me. You have to learn to deal with things you can't do anything about. Don't worry about things you can't control." GP

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"I like touch football, running, ice skating, skiing, and horseback riding — for fun."

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Sunday Silence, ridden by Pat Valenzuela (wearing yellow), led the pack to the wire to win the 115th Kentucky Derby in 1989.

RUN FOR THE ROSES

It's called the greatest horse race of all, the most exciting two minutes in sports, the Run for the Roses.

The Kentucky Derby draws the best thoroughbred horses for a 1 1/4-mile race. The 115-year-old Derby has crowned some noble champions—horses made famous by their victories, their birthplaces, their colors, and their names.

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Alysheba was crowned the Derby's 113th champion in 1987. For an instant in the run to the wire, when Alysheba was battling for the lead with Bet Twice, he almost fell under jockey Chris McCarron. The combination of McCarron's skill and Alysheba's heart somehow helped the colt regain his footing and go on to win the race.

Secretariat won the 1 1/4-mile race in 1:59-2/5, still the fastest Derby time ever and the only one under two minutes. In 1973 "Big Red," as he was nicknamed, became the ninth horse to win racing's prized Triple Crown (the Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes). In what's been called the greatest performance by a racehorse in this century, he crossed the finish line at the Belmont Stakes 31 horse lengths in front of the second place finisher.

COURTESY OF CHURCHILL DOWNS

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In 1964, Northern Dancer became the first horse to run the 1 1/4-mile track in two minutes. He was the first Canadian-bred horse to win the Kentucky Derby.

Winning Colors, 1988 Derby champion, was only the third filly and the first roan-colored horse to win the Run for the Roses. One of three "Ladies of the Derby," Winning Colors has a brown coat that is speckled with gray and white.

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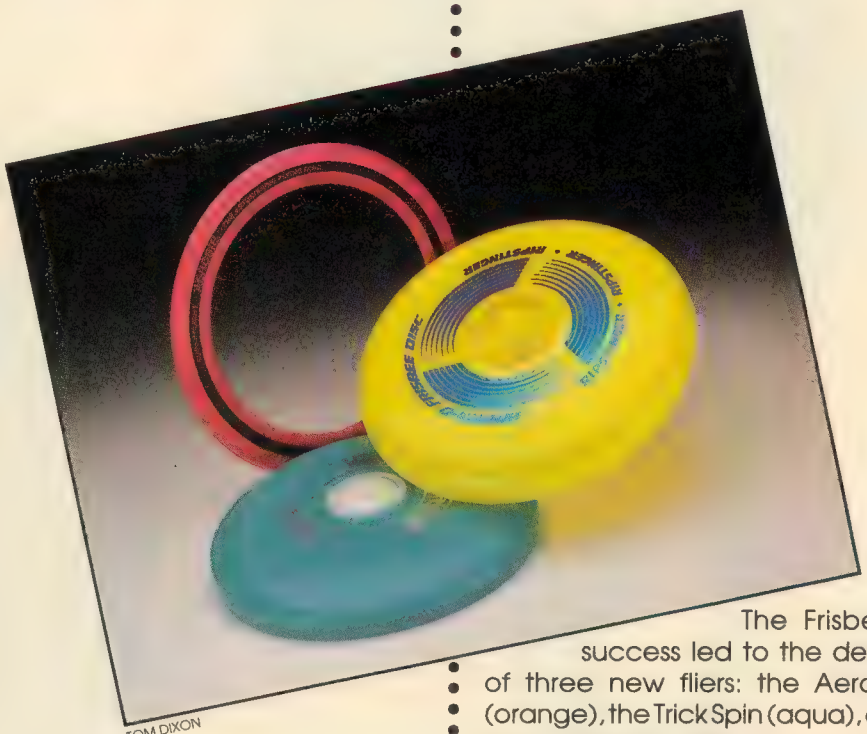
UNBELIEVABLE FLYING OBJECTS

It started with a metal pie tin in the 1920s. That's when some Yale University students began throwing pie tins they got from the Frisbie Baking Company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. In 1957, Wham-O introduced the Pluto Platter, which one year later became known as the Frisbee. Today, throwing disks and other tubular tossables are truly the rage. Here's a rundown of some of the latest fads in flying:

The Ripstinger, which is made by the Frisbee folks, is a flying disk that's easier to spin on a finger than regular disks because of a cone in the middle. Catch it by putting your finger in the cone, and you can then try several tricks while keeping it spinning. Transfer it from hand to hand, around your back, or under your leg.

The Trick Spin is similar to the Ripstinger, only more challenging. The Trick Spin is a flying disk that features a ball bearing in the middle instead of a cone. This makes it more difficult to catch the



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The Frisbee's success led to the design of three new fliers: the Aerobie (orange), the Trick Spin (aqua), and the Ripstinger (yellow).

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The Nerf football, left, just got easier to throw. The Throton is easier to catch than a football because it has soft edges instead of pointed ends.

disk in the middle and keep the spin going. The Trick Spin places greater emphasis on skill than the disk with a cone, but it's easier to master than a regular flying disk.

The Aerobie has been a hit since it landed on store shelves back in 1985. It was once thrown 1,125 feet — a *Guinness Book of World Records* entry for the longest throw of any object in history! The Aerobie, which is a ring about the size of a regular Frisbee, was designed by an aerodynamics expert at Stanford University. A flick of the wrist is all it takes to send this ring on its way.

The Throton also has a unique shape. It combines the grip and throwing motion of a football with the same design principle used to build jet and rocket engines. When thrown, air is forced through the Throton's cone, causing it to lock onto the course of least resistance. This, says its maker, gives you greater distance and a natural spiral almost every time.

Let's not be too quick to shelve the trusty football, though. Nerf has introduced its Nerf Turbo. It's a safer, soft football with grooves. Spirals are easier to throw than with the regular Nerf football. It's also easier to catch. The grooves make it easier to get a good grip on it and its smaller size should give smaller hands more to work with.

The Koosh Ball defies categorization. After all, it's been described as a cross between a bowl of Jell-O and a porcupine. Made up of some 5,000 soft, rubber fibers, the Koosh Ball was originally designed as a "teaching tool to show kids how to play catch," said Scott Stillinger, the toy's inventor. Koosh Balls come in various colors and sizes and can be used for indoor and outdoor games.

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The Koosh Ball craze continues.

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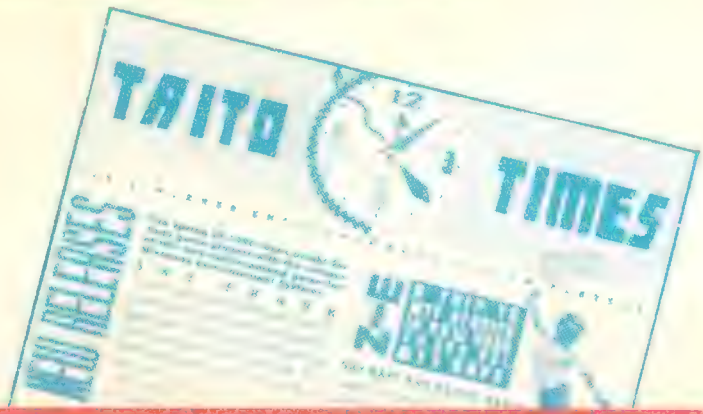

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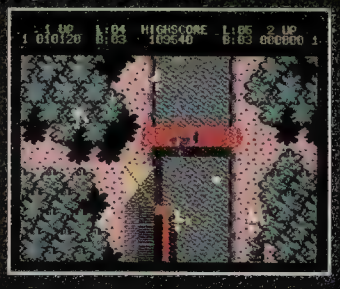

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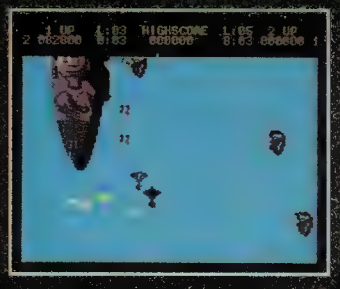

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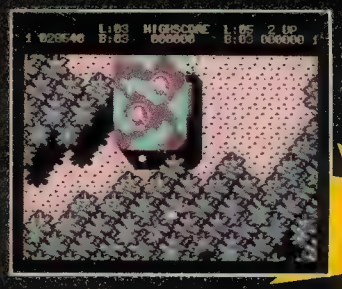

Keep an eye out for heavy flak from camouflaged guns...

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NO KIDDING AROUND

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The triathlon isn't like any other sport. It combines swimming, cycling, and running — sports that racers can enjoy all through life.

There was no kidding around for the 500 kids who competed in the Ironkids Triathlon national championship in Dallas. They were serious — not about winning, but about *finishing* the race.

The Rainbo Bread Ironkids Triathlon is named after the famous Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon, but this competition is no gruel-a-thon.

The Hawaiian Ironman is a 140-mile swim-bike-run course. The Ironkids Triathlon junior race is about a four-mile swim-bike-run race to the finish. Seniors in the Ironkids competition race a course just under eight miles long.

The focus of the race is fun and fitness, and the kids who compete know that "every finisher is a winner."

Last year, boys and girls in 13 cities, from Georgia to Hawaii, competed in two age divisions. Racers in the junior division, ages 7-10, had to swim

Setting and achieving individual goals is more important than winning the Ironkids Triathlon.

100 meters, bike 3.1 miles, and run .6 mile. Senior racers, ages 11-14, swam 200 meters, biked 6.2 miles and ran 1.2 miles.

Cassandra Mack, 14, of St. Louis, Missouri, won a record fourth national championship crown in the senior girls division. Hunter Kemper, 13, of Longwood, Florida, won the senior boys division.

Bryan Hayes, 10, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and Kathy Radkewich, 10, of Altamonte Springs, Florida, won the junior boys and girls divisions.

Maybe you know someone who showed their stuff in last year's competition. If you want to know more about how to participate, write: Rainbo/Colonial Bread Ironkids Information, P.O. Box 660217, Dallas, Texas 75266-0217. GP

1990 IRONKIDS EVENT SCHEDULE

March 24-25	Phoenix, Arizona
April 21-22	Houston, Texas
May 5-6	Atlanta, Georgia
May 12-13	Wichita, Kansas
June 2	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 2-3	Augusta, Georgia
June 15-16	Des Moines, Iowa
June 23-24	Nashville, Tennessee
July 7-8	Roanoke, Virginia
July 14-15	Denver, Colorado
July 28-29	Louisville, Kentucky
August 4-5	St. Louis, Missouri
August 18-19	Sacramento, California
August 25-26	Albuquerque, New Mexico
September 8-9	Fresno, California
September 29-30	Dallas, Texas — National Championship

- All finishers receive Ironkids finisher pins, t-shirts, bike and swim caps, and glow-in-the-dark safety shoelaces.

Racers in the junior division have to swim 100 meters, bike a little more than three miles, and run just over half a mile to get to the finish line.

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ROLLER SKATES GO RADICAL

Skateboarders looking for a new thrill are finding one in an unexpected place — on *roller skates*.

These aren't the clunky old wheels that have been around forever. They're radical new skates that combine the action of skateboarding and ice-skating. They're called in-line skates, and their four wheels are in a line down the center of the skate, like the blade of an ice skate. That makes them faster and easier to maneuver.

Moving on in-line skates is like ice-skating. And you can do tricks and stunts like you can on a skateboard.

Tricks aren't all, though. Roll around on these for a while and you'll build up some *strong* legs. They give you such a powerful workout that many world-class athletes use them for training. The U.S. national hockey team uses the Ultra Wheels line, and the Canadian Olympic hockey team uses an in-line skate called Rollerz. Skiers and skaters also work out on the skates to keep their legs strong during the summer.

Billy Fincher, 12, shows off his moves from the ramp.

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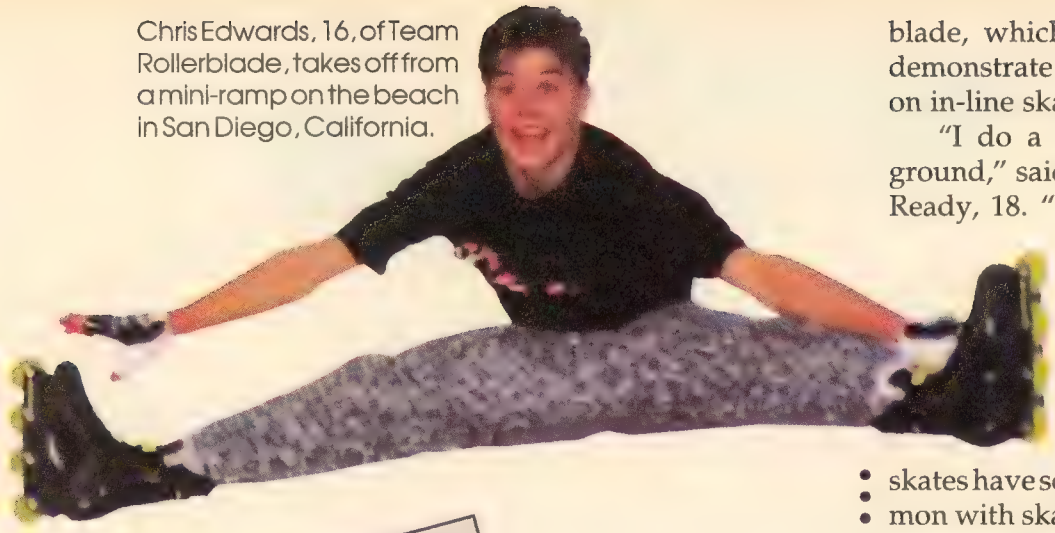

Chris Edwards, 16, of Team Rollerblade, takes off from a mini-ramp on the beach in San Diego, California.

blade, which puts on shows to demonstrate the stunts you can do on in-line skates.

"I do a lot of tricks on the ground," said team member Ollie Ready, 18. "I also do jumps and ramp tricks. The hardest trick I can do is a spin. I can do 42 360-degree spins in a row."

Ollie and his teammates say these skates have something else in common with skateboards. You better wear your safety equipment, because no one can stay on their feet *all* the time.

Just like on a skateboard, you have to learn how to make your radical moves the right way, carefully, so you don't get hurt.

"For a beginner, it is important to know that everyone falls and crashes sometimes," said Chris Denton, 16. "I wear a helmet, knee pads, wrist guards, and elbow pads to protect myself."

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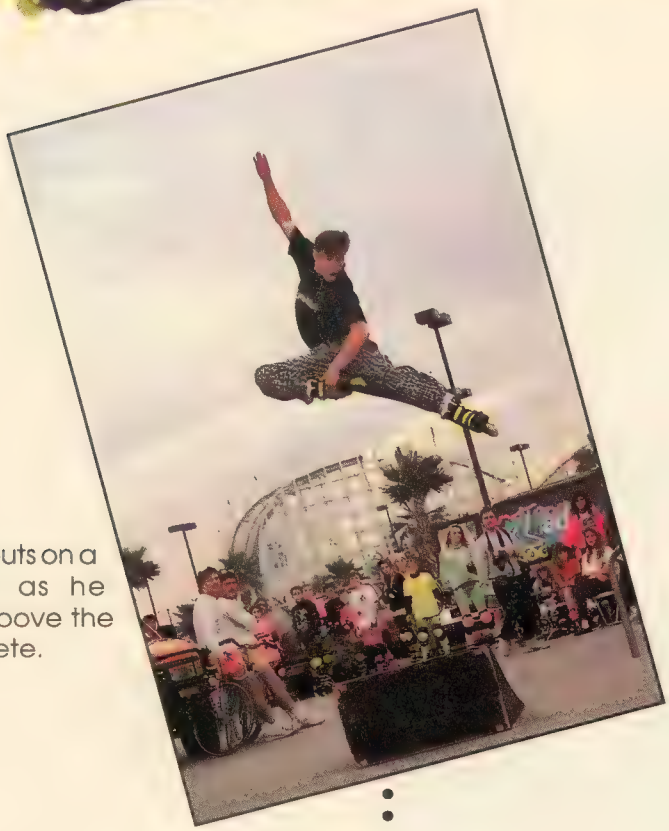


Chris puts on a move as he rises above the concrete.

Another in-line skate, called Switch It, is both a roller skate *and* an ice skate. The roller skate wheels and the ice skating blades are interchangeable: You can take one off and put the other on.

Other in-line skates that are strictly for the ramps and sidewalks include Rollerblades and Magnum Straights.

Rollerblades are probably the best known in-line skates. The company that makes them sponsors a group called Team Roller-

Bridgette Hesketh, 12, makes sure she gets her safety equipment on before she laces up her skates.

VIDEO GAMES

LET'S PLAY BALL!

There are so many baseball videogames, it's sometimes difficult to tell the difference between the good, the bad, and the ugly.

The waters were muddled even further when the 16-bit game machines hit the store shelves. Now you not only have your choice of games, you also have a wide range of game systems to choose from.

Well, for baseball games, Nintendo and the 16-bit machines are neck-and-neck when it comes to overall game play. However, because the 16-bit machines are more advanced, they can offer far superior graphics than Nintendo.

There is no better example of this than *Tommy Lasorda Baseball* for the Sega Genesis system. You'll see the seams on the baseball and the creases in the players' pants. Pitchers' windups look just like they do on television.

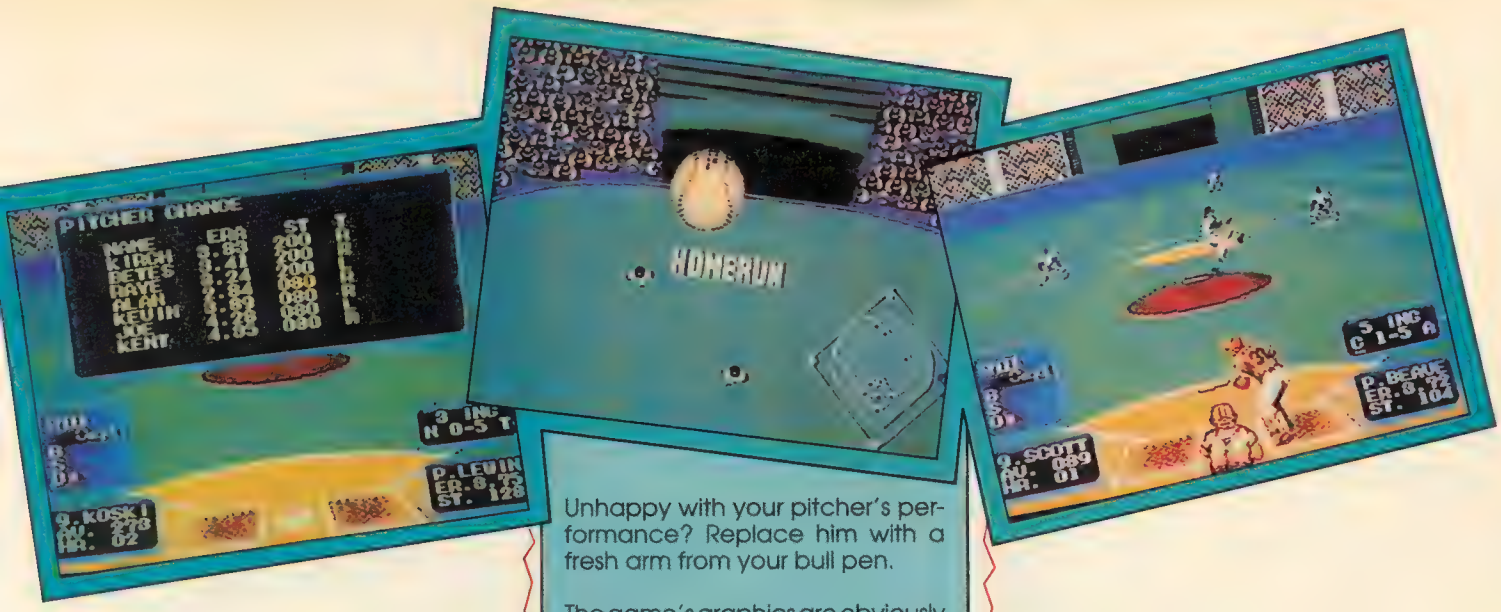
This Sega game also hits a home run with its game play. On the mound, you can throw a wide range of pitches. You can even mix up speeds to further confuse the hitter.

See the runners on first, second, and third? Always keep an eye on base runners when you're on the mound.

As the batter, if you make contact with the ball and reach base, you'll see *Tommy Lasorda Baseball* truly shine. It lets you threaten to steal on every pitch. You can frustrate the defense just like Rickey Henderson.

In your role as manager, you can make the same decisions Lasorda gets to make as skipper of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Move in the infielders if you sense a bunt play coming. If it looks like your hurler has simply lost his stuff, yank him. It's your team.

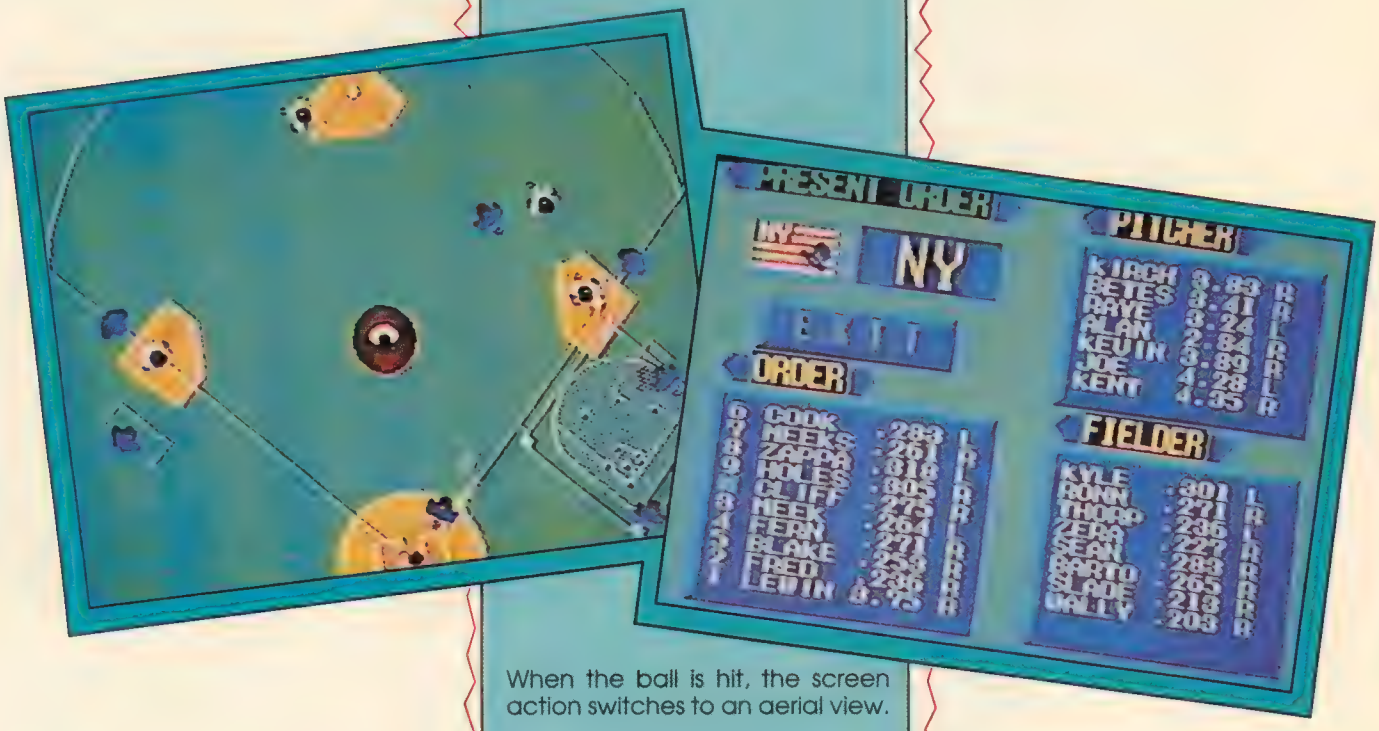
There is a bit more emphasis on the pitcher-hitter matchup than there probably should be. It is so difficult to get a clean hit that you spend too much time toiling away in the batter's box. Still, *Tommy Lasorda Baseball* is in a league all by itself.



Unhappy with your pitcher's performance? Replace him with a fresh arm from your bull pen.

The game's graphics are obviously something special.

With your weaker hitters, sometimes a bunt is a good play to call.



When the ball is hit, the screen action switches to an aerial view.

Before each game, you're given the opportunity to adjust the lineup, view players' stats, and choose your pitcher.

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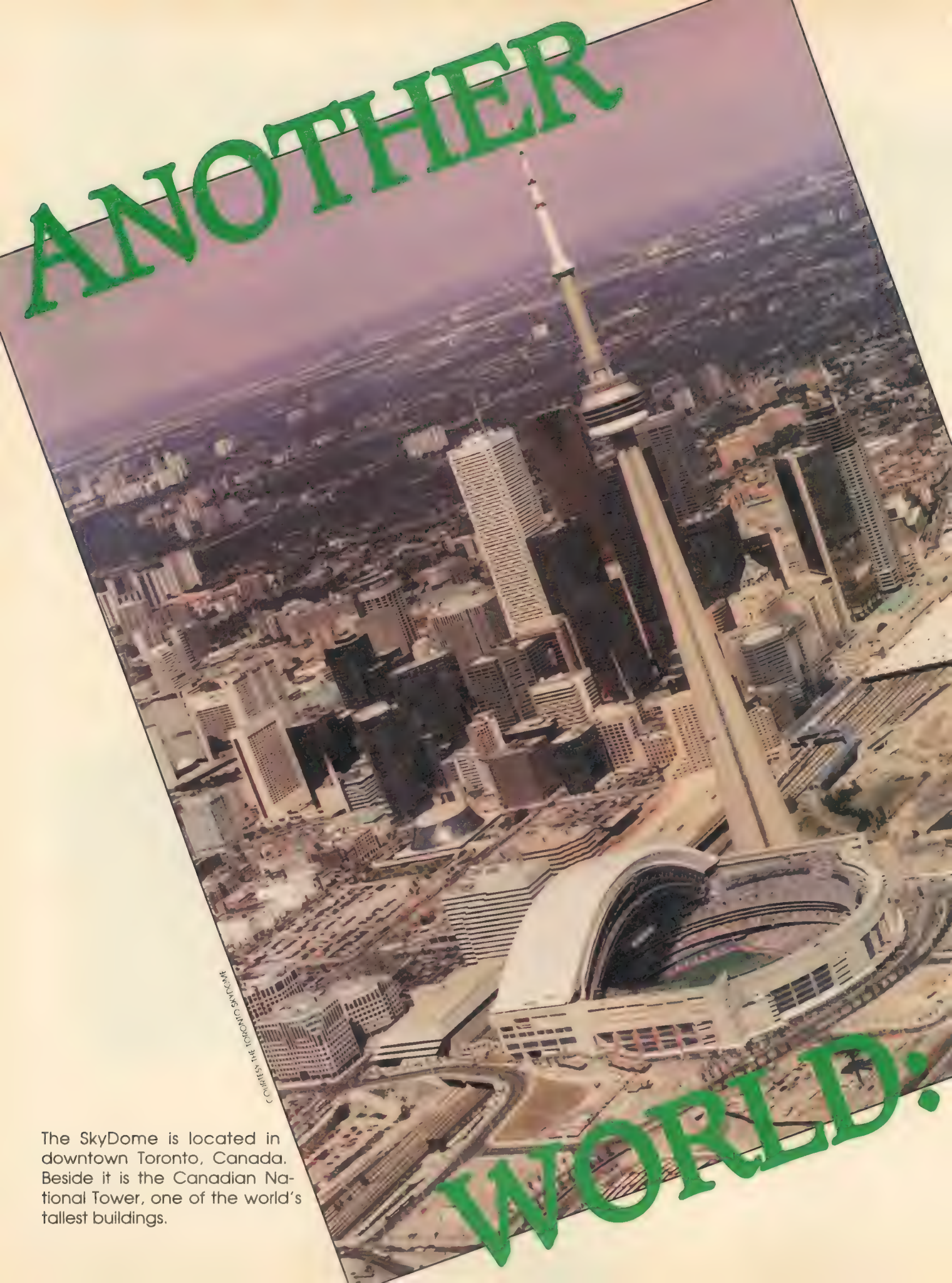

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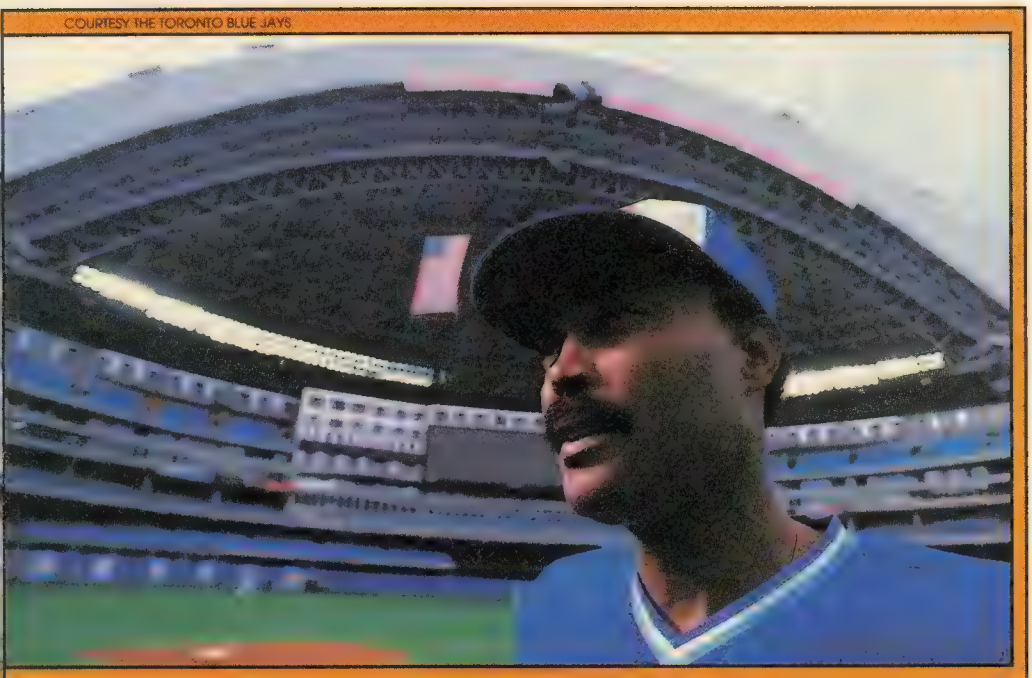
The SkyDome is located in downtown Toronto, Canada. Beside it is the Canadian National Tower, one of the world's tallest buildings.

TORONTO'S SKYDOME

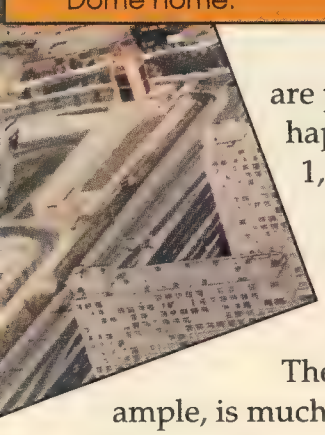
BRIAN CARROLL



Manager Cito Gaston and his Toronto Blue Jays are happy to call the SkyDome home.

The Toronto SkyDome isn't just another baseball stadium. In fact, it's like no other arena in the world. Besides a field for baseball and football, this stadium has restaurants, a hotel, a McDonald's, a movie theater, a health club, and the largest video display board in the world.

You could live your whole life inside the SkyDome. And not just you — there's room in there for a 32-house neighborhood. You'd never have to worry about a rainy day again!



The people of Toronto are proud of their state-of-the-art sports arena. The local power company is pretty happy about it, too. The stadium uses 9,000 light bulbs, almost 800 field lights, and 1,600 speakers.

One of the best things about the SkyDome is that, if it's nice outside, fans inside don't have to miss the sunshine. A sliding roof can be rolled back when the weather is good. If it starts raining, the dome can be closed again in only 20 minutes.

The latest technology is also used down on the field. The pitcher's mound, for example, is much more than a pile of dirt. It is actually a fiberglass bowl covered with turf and dirt. For baseball games, the bowl sits atop a tank which is filled with water. To lower the mound after the game, the water is simply drained from the tank.

The field is large enough to hold eight Boeing 747 jumbo jets, a 32-home neighborhood, or 516 African elephants! The strips of artificial turf are fastened together with eight miles of zippers!

The roof weighs 11,000 tons and can be pulled back for a sunny day at the ballpark.

COURTESY THE TORONTO SKYDOME

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As many as 65,000 people can watch a ballgame in comfort.

The Toronto Argonauts, a pro team in the Canadian Football League, also play home games under the dome.

At the back of the stadium is the world's largest video display screen and scoreboard. It's three stories high and nine stories wide.

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The largest McDonald's in North America is in a baseball stadium?!

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THE NBA's QUIET

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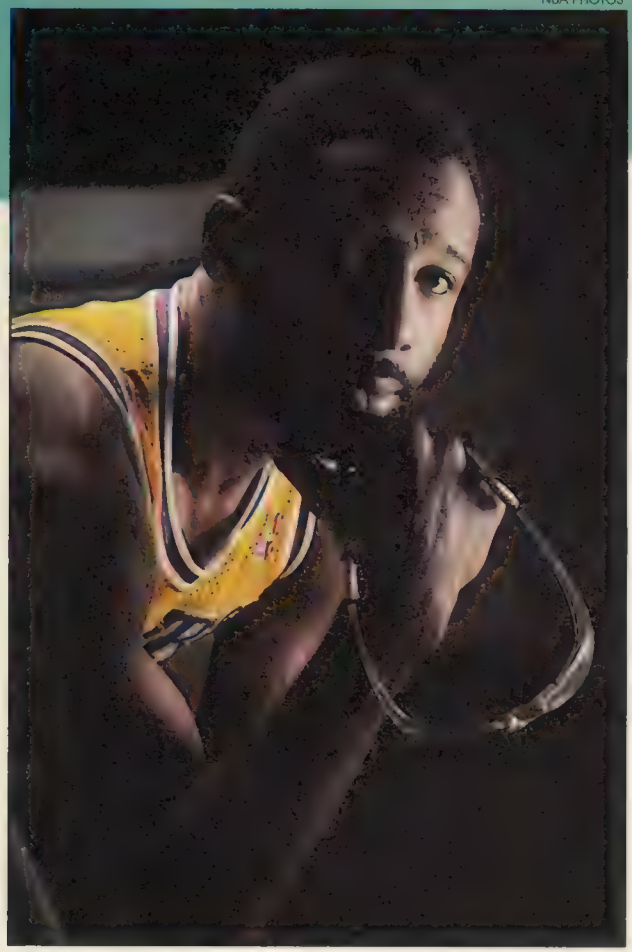

Magic Johnson said James Worthy "is the quietest superstar in the NBA. The bigger the stakes, the better he becomes."

When the camera lights go on and the sports writers start asking questions, there are at least three players in the National Basketball Association who don't say much: James Worthy, Robert Parish, and Joe Dumars. The way these guys look at it, they've already done their talking on the court.

Each member of this trio has a special combination of qualities: integrity, consistency, and, especially, humility.

Integrity: After a game against Sacramento during the 1986-87 season, the boxscore had James Worthy making all 14 of his shots. Worthy, a perennial all-star forward for the Los Angeles Lakers, said he distinctly remembered missing a shot. So he had the stat sheets checked again, and he was right. They changed his stat to 14 for 15.

Consistency: The Boston Celtics have won three championships with the man they call "The Chief" at center. Robert Parish, still going strong at age 36, enjoyed his best season as a pro last year. He has averaged 16.7 points per game over 13 years and continues to improve with age.

"You can't go out there [on the court] with a lazy attitude," Parish said. "That's when you get embarrassed. I'm always looking for ways to improve because there's no

MEN

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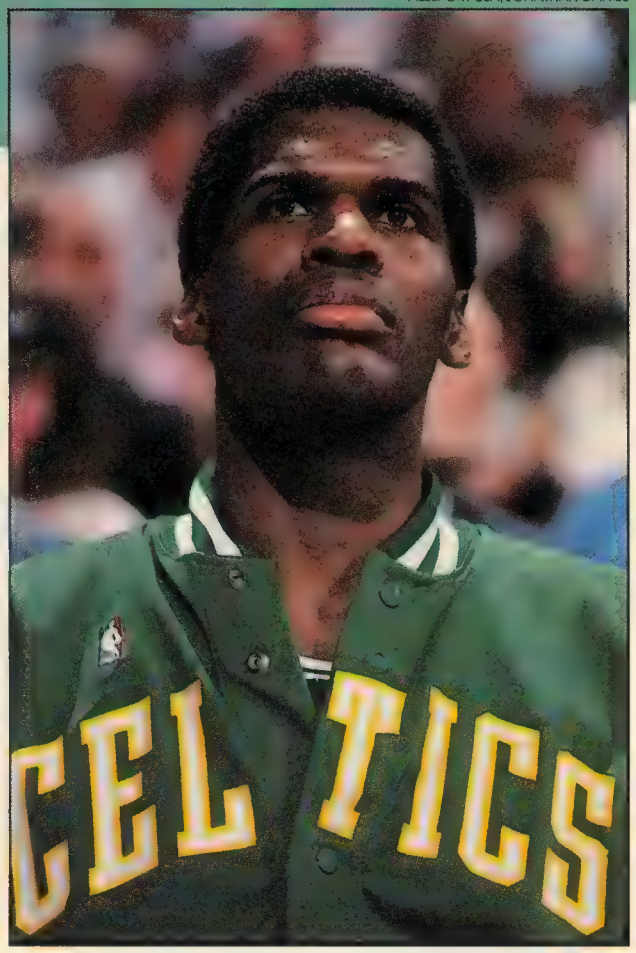

A former teammate nicknamed Robert Parish "The Chief" after a character in the play *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. "I guess because I'm stone-faced and silent," Parish said.

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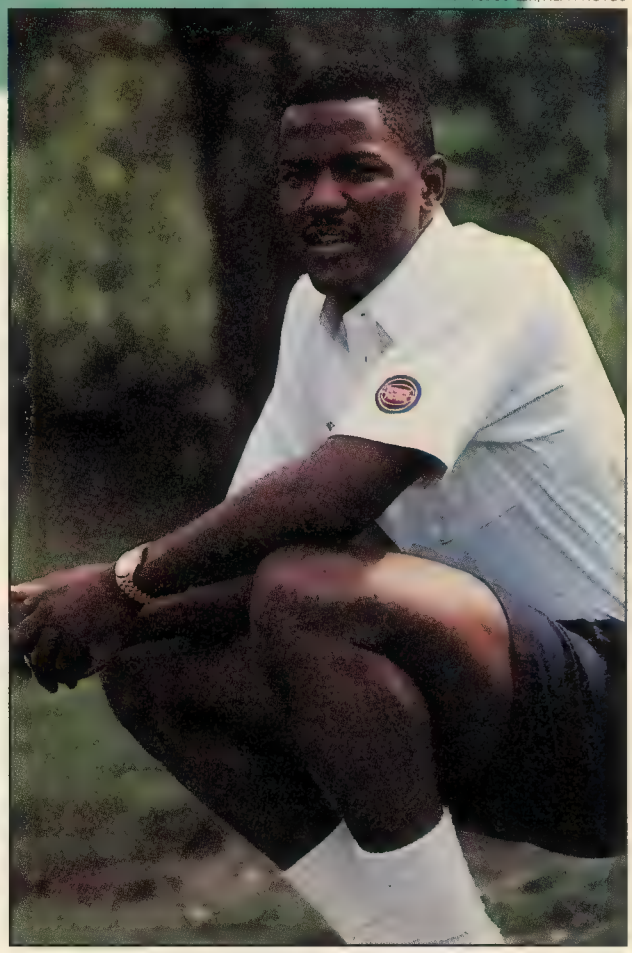

After his Detroit Pistons won the 1989 world title, Joe Dumars III gave his championship ring to his father, Joe Dumars II.

such thing as an easy night in the NBA."

Humility: Guard Joe Dumars led his Detroit Pistons to their first ever NBA World Championship last season. For his efforts, he was honored as the series' Most Valuable Player. Yet he says he will always follow the example set by his father. "My father always taught us to work hard, earn an honest living, and let our actions speak for themselves. A world championship hasn't changed that."

The attributes these players share, combined with their solid efforts on the court every night, have earned them the respect and admiration of their teammates and peers. For example, of teammate James Worthy, Lakers' guard Byron Scott said, "He gets out there every night and does his job. To me, he's the best small forward in the game today. His peers know he is

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"I want to be remembered as one of the greatest players to play the game. One who worked hard every single night," said Parish.

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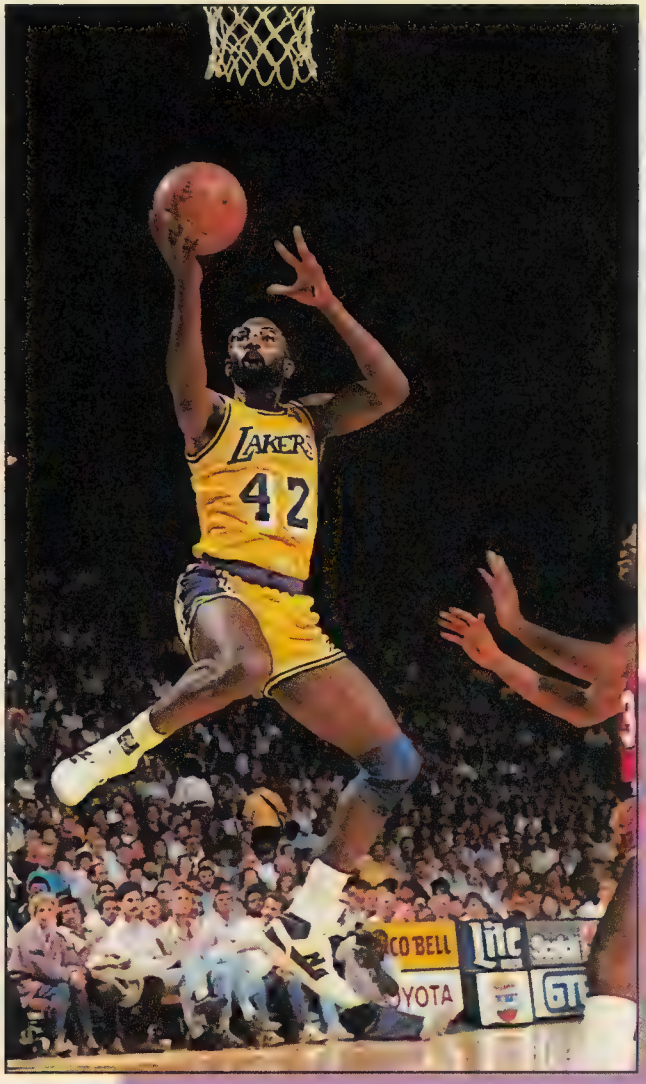

Worthy can beat a team in many ways. He can finish the fastbreak, blow past defenders with his explosive first step, or stick a 15-foot jumper.

virtually unstoppable."

It's that kind of acknowledgement these quiet men are seeking. Nothing less and nothing more. They don't want their faces on posters or cereal boxes. "My thing has always been to get the respect of the other players on the team and my peers around the league," Parish said. "That's more important to me than what the media, or what the so-called critics, say."

In fact, Worthy, Dumars, and Parish all prefer the quiet life. Play the game, take a shower, and go home.

"I'm not that rah-rah type of player," Parish said. "I let my work habits speak for themselves. I don't talk to the media because I just don't like the attention."

While playing for Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, Parish once scored 50 points. Former Celtics' coach K.C. Jones said Parish, who is seven-feet tall, was the

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Dumars is now teamed up with the basketball player he admired most in college — Isiah Thomas.

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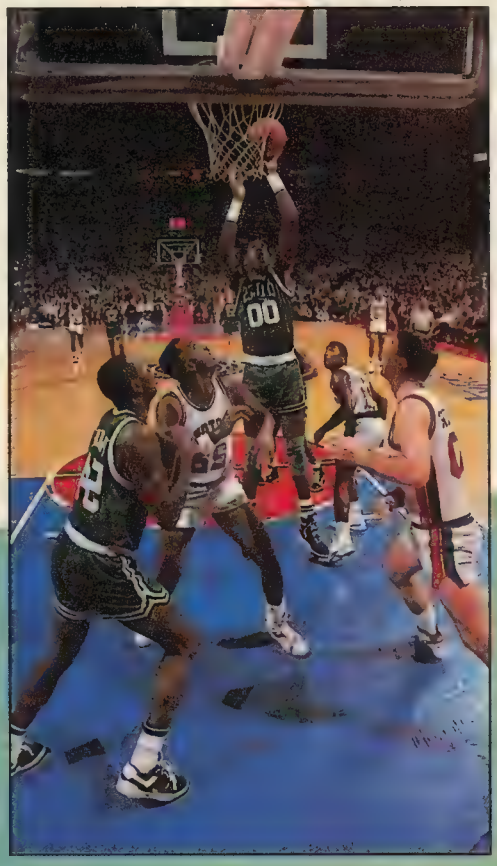

In high school, Parish practiced his feathery-soft jump shot by arching shots over a defender holding up a broom.

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"James always seems to make the right decision with the ball," said Magic. "That makes the whole team better."

key to Boston's NBA championships in 1984 and 1986. "The Chief" has played in seven NBA All-Star games and he's not done yet.

Like Parish, James Worthy also prefers a low profile. "I am paid to produce," he said. "I want to get the job done, whatever that takes, and then go home. I can't worry about publicity or getting the headlines."

Worthy, who is from Gastonia, North Carolina, led his North Carolina Tar Heels to the national college basketball championship in 1982. He was voted the championship's MVP after scoring 28 points against Georgetown. Just after that win, the reigning NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers drafted the 6'9" forward, which made Worthy the first player selected that year.

Dumars said he shuns the limelight and never lets his emotions show because that's just the way he is. "It's impor-

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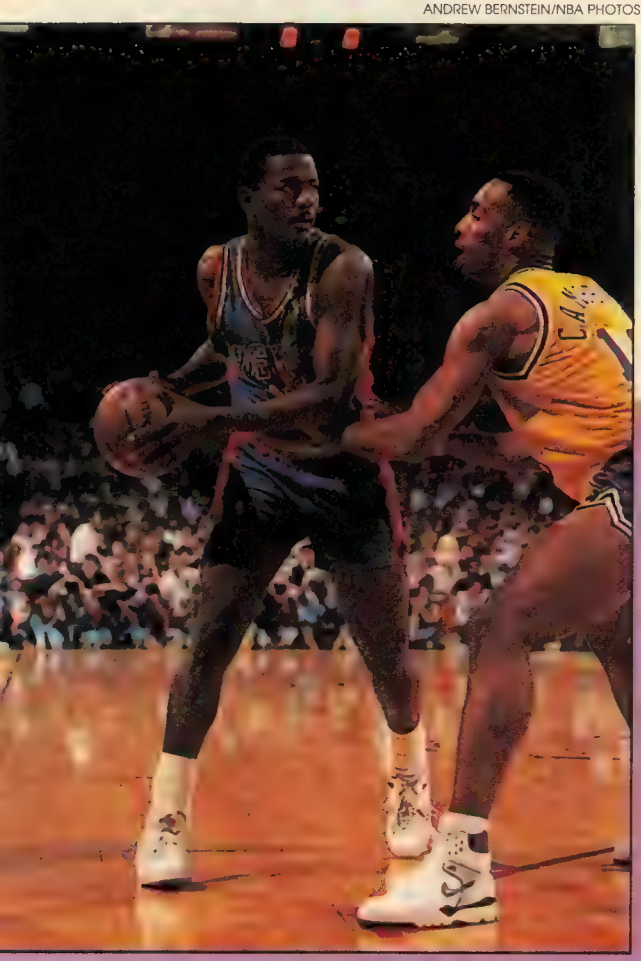

Worthy said he admires Dumars because this Piston is a good guy playing on a team called "The Bad Boys."

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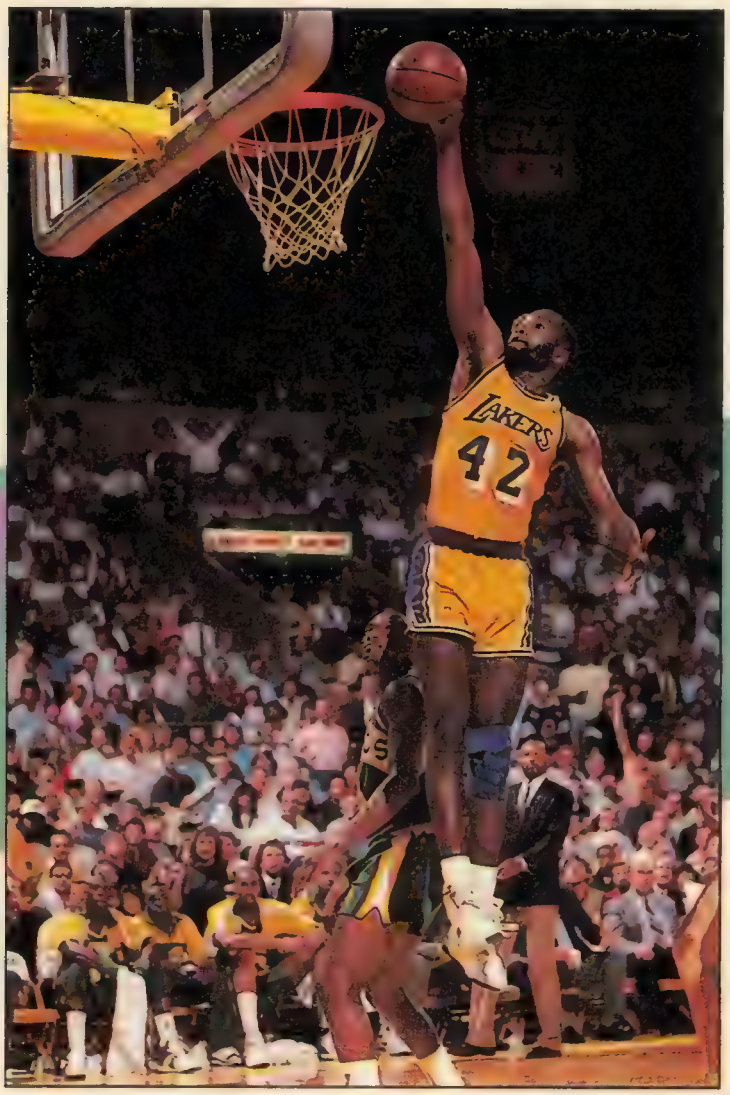

In the deciding game of the 1988 World Championship, James Worthy scored 36 points, pulled down 16 rebounds, and dished out 10 assists to lead his Lakers to victory.

tant to maintain a businesslike demeanor when you're doing your job," he said. "It's just not my nature to be boisterous."

Little Joe is 6'3" and went to college at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He became that school's all-time scoring leader. Last year, Dumars was named to the NBA's First Team All Defense while scoring an average of 17.2 points per game.

After the Pistons downed the Lakers to complete a four-game sweep and capture last year's title, Dumars walked quietly to the back of the locker room. He answered a few of the media's questions and then went to the telephone, just as he has done after every game in his professional career, to call home to Mom.

Dumars' mother, Ophelia,

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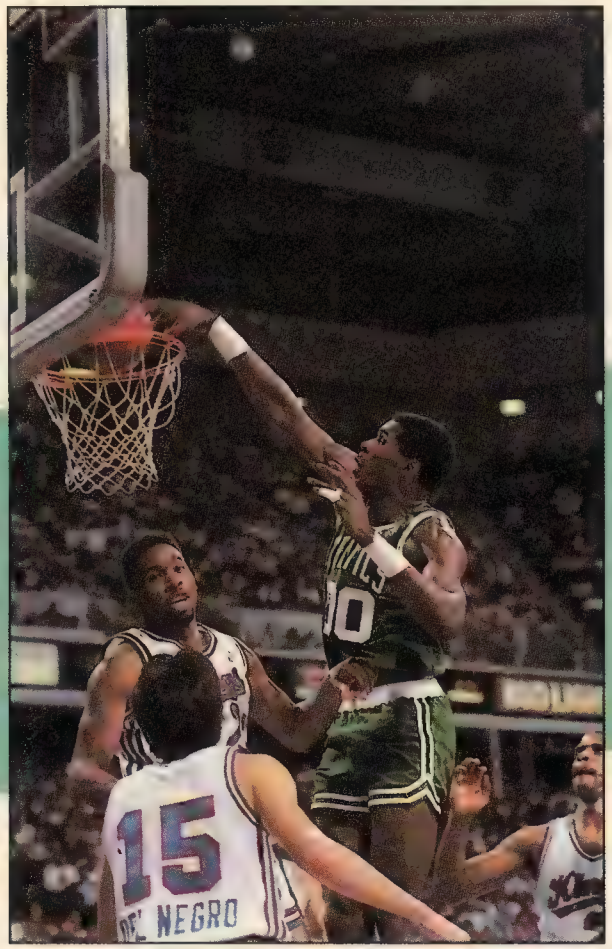

At seven-feet tall, dunking is rarely a problem for Robert Parish.

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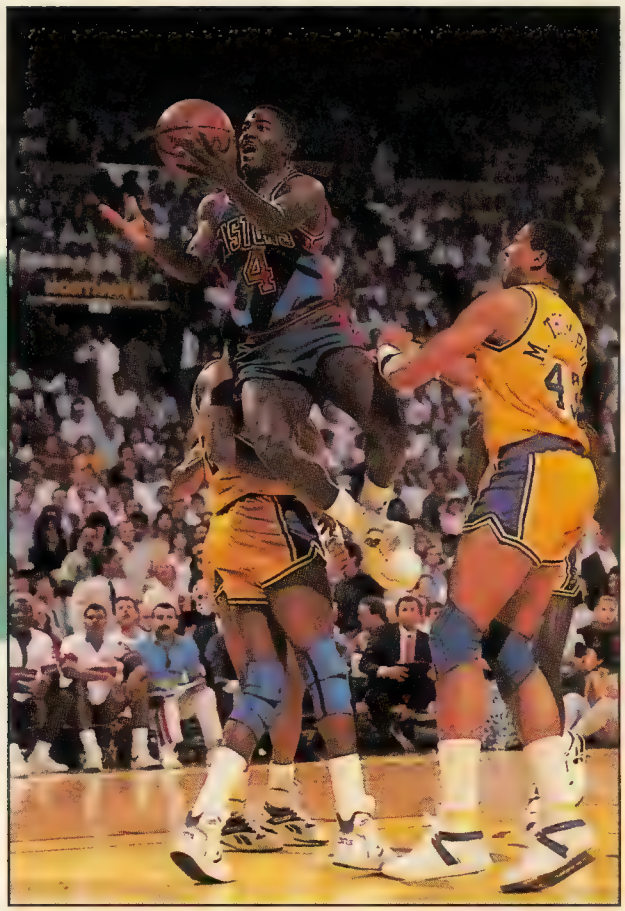


"If I need to score, I can," said Joe Dumars. "If I need to run the offense, I can. If I need to stop the other team's big scoring guard, I can do that too."

can be credited with helping him maintain his healthy perspective on life. "I remember Joe calling me one morning from college after a big win the night before," she said. "He had made the winning shot, and then when he was interviewed, he didn't show any emotion. The interviewers were asking him about that. I told him to get his Bible and read Proverbs 27:2. I said: That's you, Joe."

Proverbs 27:2 says, "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips."

Each of these three players seems to live by this credo. Fortunately, the list of others willing to praise them grows with each passing season.

GP

That's a regulation rim and backboard, and yes, he's grabbing the rim without jumping.

BOB DONNAN

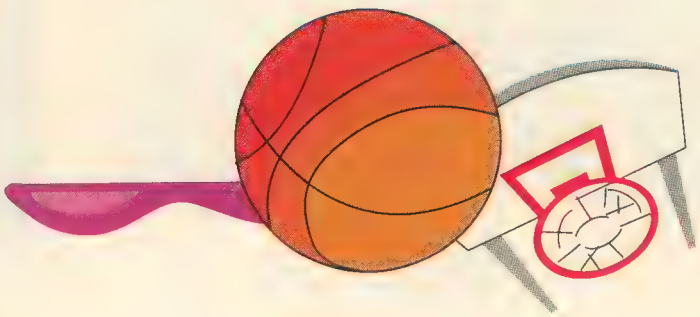
BUD SYMES

SEVEN-FOOT-FIVE

and still growing!

BRIAN CARROLL

Shawn Bradley usually finds himself head and shoulders above the competition.

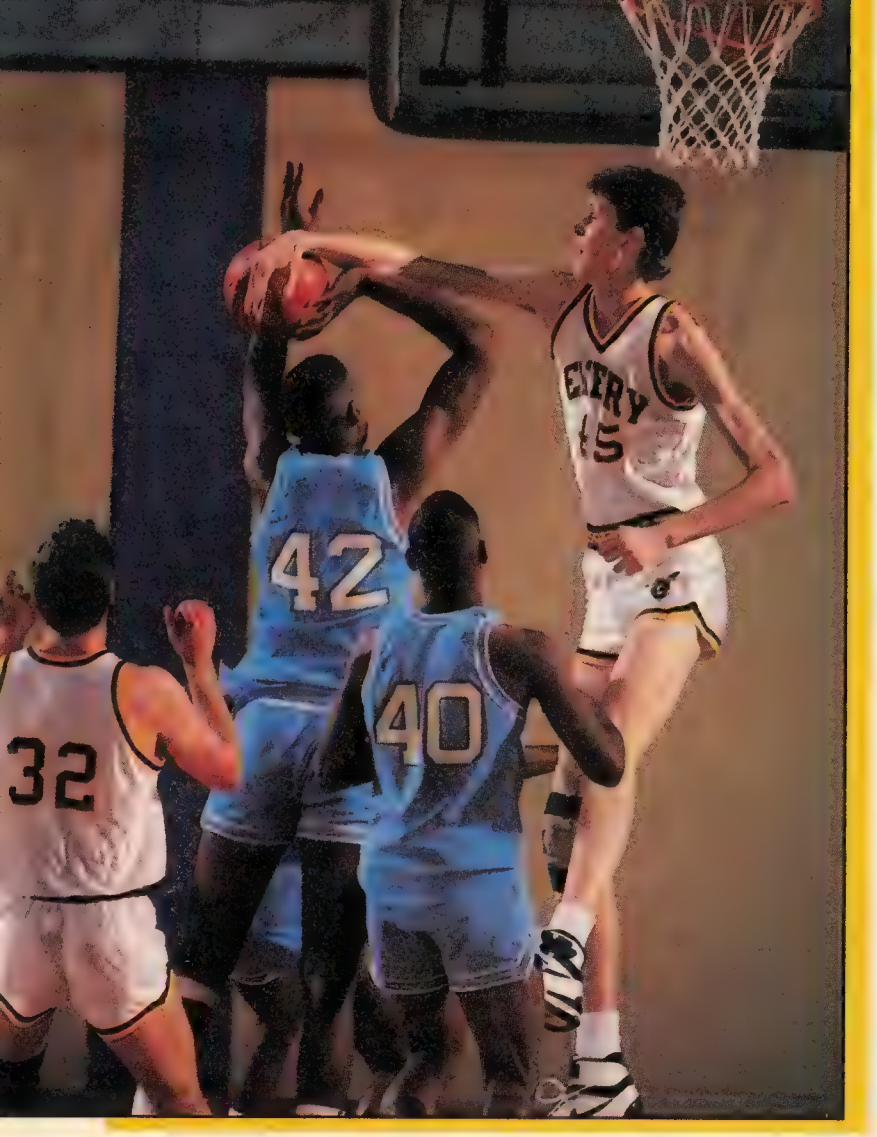


At a height of 7'5" (and still growing), Shawn Bradley is one of the nation's best high school basketball players.

But some other things don't come easily. When he slow dances with his 5'4" girlfriend, she has to stand on a chair!

"Well, we tried dancing with me on my knees, but that was too painful," said Bradley.

As a senior at Emery County High School in Castle Dale, Utah, Bradley has been recruited by more than 130 colleges and universities. Though he has many interests, his future is in basketball. "The Lord has given me this height for a reason," he said. "I'm going to try to make the most of it."



BOB DONNAN

Bradley says he hopes his growing days are over. If he gets any taller he'll be in danger of goal tending without jumping.

BUD SYMES

Bradley uses a set of golf clubs given to him by a former pro basketball player, Chip Engler.

Basketball scout Bob Gibbons said Bradley has the "potential to be the best shot blocker — ever." Better than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Akeem Olajuwon? "Sure," said the expert, "if he can beef up and gain some weight."

But that's not any easier than dancing when you're growing so fast. "I don't know how to do it," Bradley said. "I eat five or six meals a day. I'm always looking for food. I know I need to be able to put people where I want them on the basketball court instead of the other way around."

Bradley's statistics say he doesn't get pushed around much. Last season, he averaged 26 points, 14 rebounds, and 9 blocks per game. "I think my strongest point is blocking shots," he said. "I have pretty good timing and my height gives me an obvious advantage."

Opposing teams are faced with a dilemma when playing Emery County. Do they concentrate on Bradley and leave his teammates undefended, or do they play better team defense and give Bradley the chance to dominate the game?

"Other teams overplay me so much that I can usually pass to a teammate for an easy shot," Bradley said. "The other guys can score, so I look for them first, or I try to put the ball in the hole myself and draw the foul."

What Bradley does is

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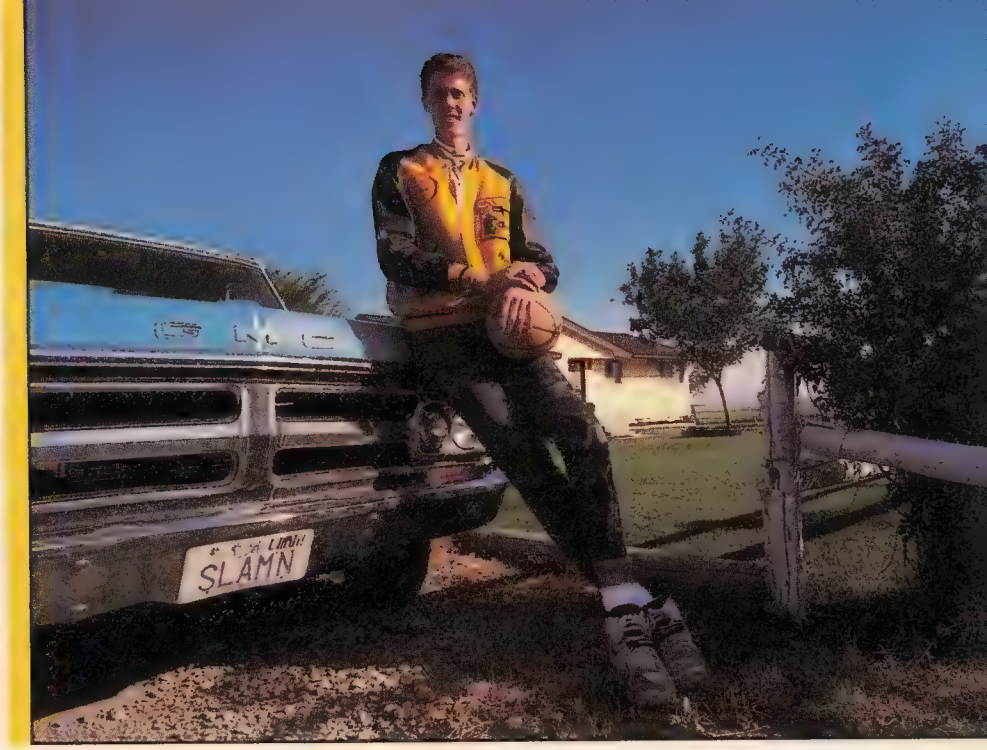

Driving is sometimes a problem for the tall man. He said his "knees rub up against the dashboard."

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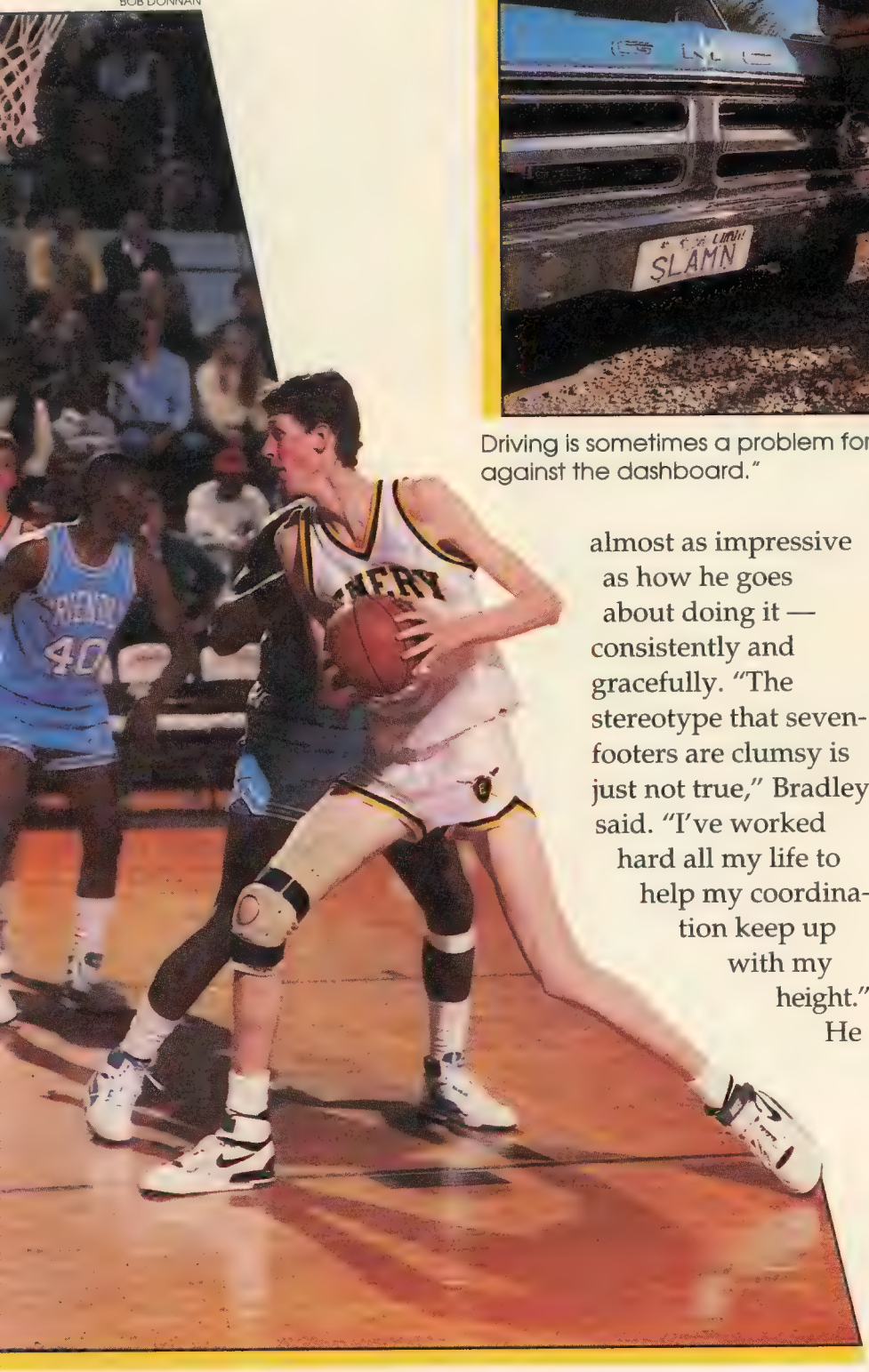

With that height and these solid moves, look for Shawn Bradley to pack the arenas in the NBA someday.

almost as impressive as how he goes about doing it — consistently and gracefully. "The stereotype that seven-footers are clumsy is just not true," Bradley said. "I've worked hard all my life to help my coordination keep up with my height." He says he did it by taking dance and gymnastics classes, and by playing golf, football, and baseball.

The gymnastics and dance classes were the idea of Shawn's mother, Teresa Bradley. She enrolled him when he was nine years old. "I wanted to help him out with his coordination and I had heard that gymnastics helped," she said. "He didn't want to quit when the classes ended."

Bradley said he has grown an average of three inches each of the past five years, so he's had to make a few adjustments. "I was outgrowing clothes about every three or four months," he said. His jeans are tailor-made by a friend of the family who has industrial sewing machines in her basement.

Meet the Bradleys: From the left are 15-year-old sister Tasha (6'0"), 13-year-old brother Justin (6'2"), pet Smokey (3'3"), Shawn, parents Teresa (6'0"), and Reiner (6'8"). Shawn also has a 9-year-old sister Adrian, who is not pictured. It's not surprising that when Mrs. Bradley goes to the grocery store, she buys seven gallons of milk — for a week.

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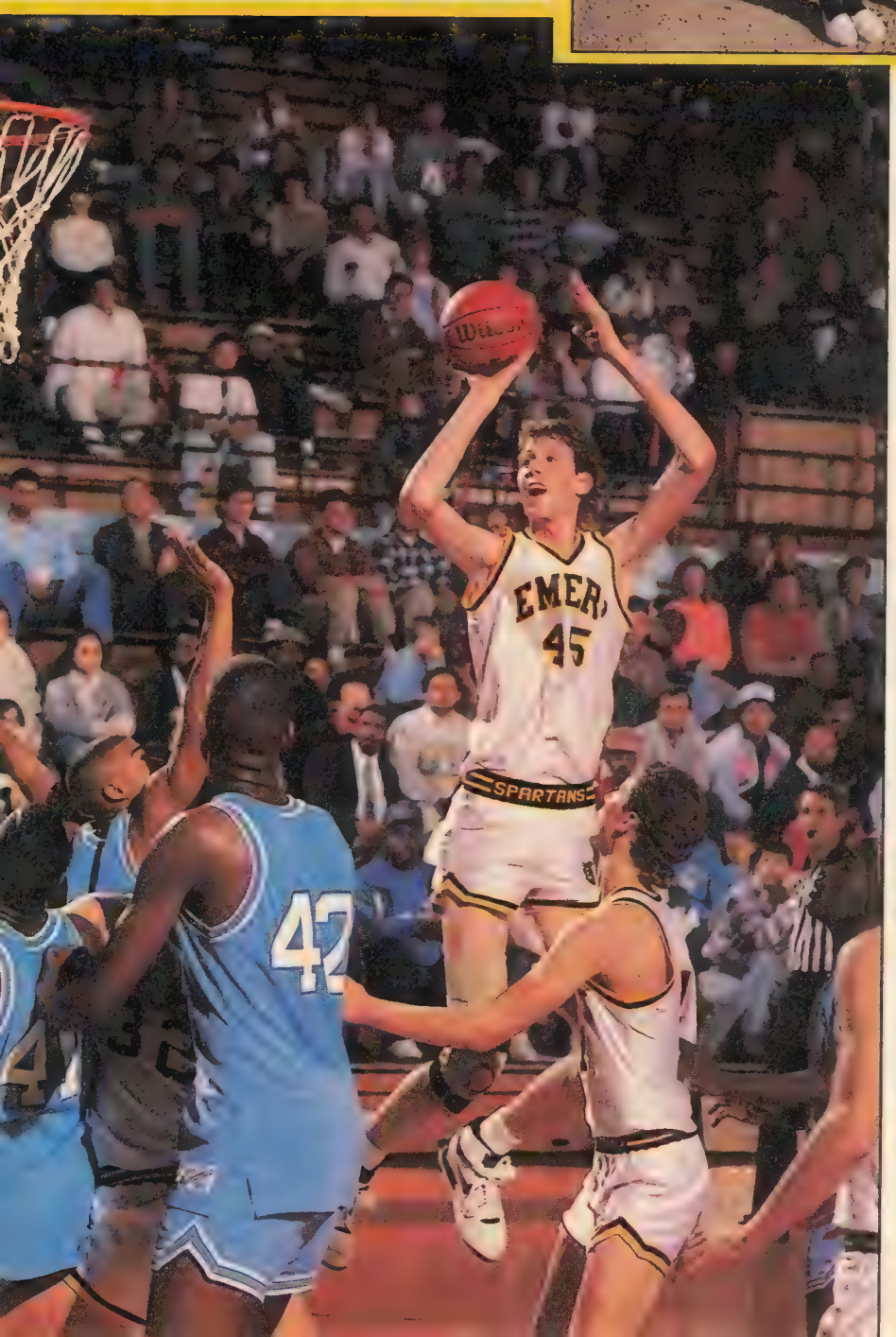

Each day presents a new set of challenges for Bradley to overcome. "Ceiling fans can be especially dangerous," he said. "And hotel beds — I have to either sleep corner to corner or just hang off the edge." At home he sleeps on a custom-made eight-foot bed.

No matter what he does, Bradley does it well. He's lettered on the golf team, and as a first baseman on Emery County's baseball team last season, he hit .407 — best on the team. He's earned an Eagle Scout award and was voted vice president of his class.

Hard work is certainly a big reason for Bradley's success, and living on a farm has meant that he has had to do his share. He is actually the family's cattle

Bob Gibbons says courage, desire, determination, and remarkable athletic ability make Shawn Bradley one of the best. He says college coaches would have recruited Bradley even if he were a foot shorter.

The one-two punch for Emery High: 5'9" point guard Cody Allred is counted on to feed the ball to the man in the middle and to do it often.

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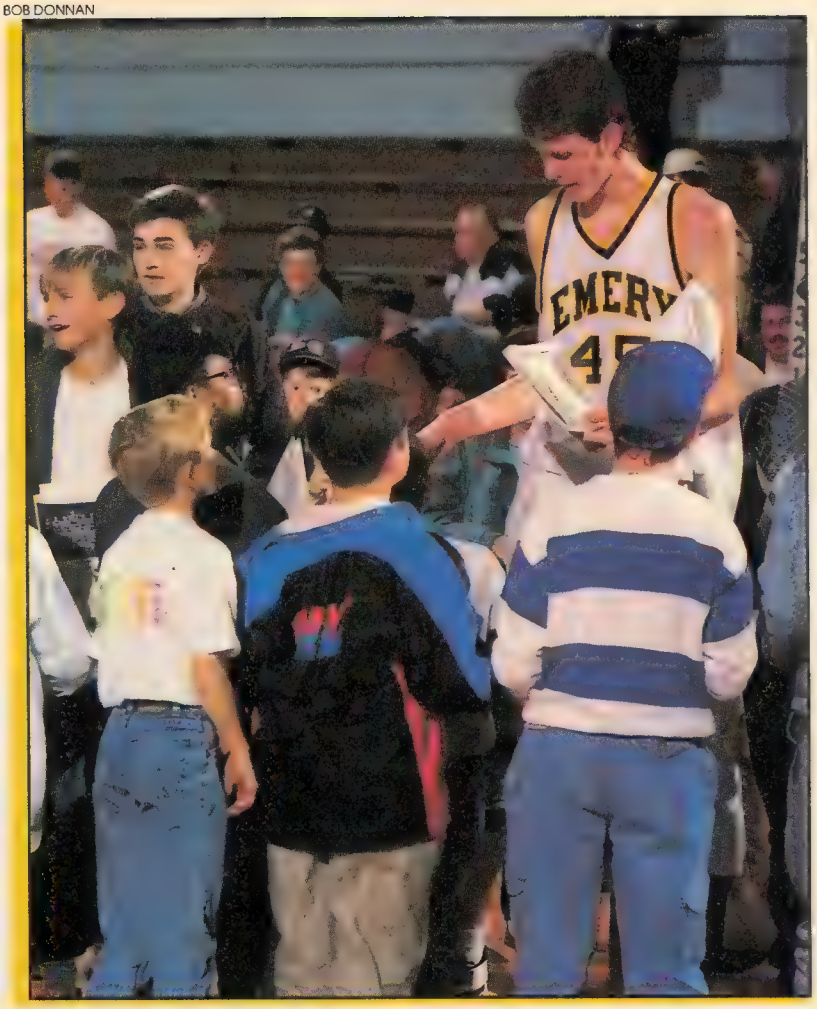

"I'm very aware of the fact that I'm a role model," said the senior. "I actually enjoy it because everybody knows me."

herder. "He used to do it on horseback, until one threw him," said his mom, who is six-feet tall. "Now he motors around on a three-wheeler."

Recently Bradley decided to go to college at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, Utah. After his freshman year, Bradley will leave campus to serve the Mormon church on a two-year mission. "When young men in my religion turn 19," he said, "they're asked to spread and teach the Mormon faith. They can send me anywhere in the world."

Maybe the church will send him to Rome. After all, pasta might just be Bradley's ticket to becoming the National Basketball Association's best shot blocker ever. "I don't know," he said. "I'm kind of hoping they'll send me to the Polynesian islands. Maybe I can bulk up and get a tan at the same time."

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CYCLE OF SUCCESS

Five years ago Marion Clignet was a bicycle messenger. She delivered letters, messages, and packages in Washington, D.C. Then she learned that she had epilepsy.

"First, they took away my driver's license because of epilepsy," Marion said. "That robbed me of much of my independence." But instead of giving up, Marion looked at her condition as a problem to overcome.

Epilepsy is a disorder of the nervous system that can cause seizures and unconsciousness. It can affect anyone, at any age, at any time. It can also affect a person's lifestyle dramatically.

"I wasn't going to let it slow me down," she said. If anything, it challenged her — and launched her into competitive cycling.

"Because I didn't have my license," she explained, "I started riding my bicycle to work, which was 13 miles away." That conditioning, plus encouragement from a friend, motivated Marion to enter a bike race — the Maryland State Championship in 1986, which she won.

"I said to myself that if I could win that race without even trying, then think what could happen if I applied myself," Clignet said. So, she started training and eventually earned a spot on the Mazda Racing Team.

TOM SMART

Always the go-getter, Marion organized a national Ultimate Frisbee tournament in high school.

Less than four years after her first win, Marion became national champion. To win, she had to post the highest point total added up from three events: a road race, time trials, and a four-person trial in the championship race.

"I appreciate my success more than most because of the epilepsy," she said. "It almost robbed me of experiences like winning the national championship." Today, Marion lives in Reno, Ne-

Marion and her Mazda teammates celebrate getting the gold.

vada, and is busy with her cycling and with a national speaking tour. She appears on television shows like *Good Morning, America* to educate people about epilepsy. She has also helped produce a documentary that explains the nervous disorder.

What people should understand, according to the championship cyclist, is simply that "epilepsy can be controlled and that it should never control the person."

She says that limitations are usually challenges in disguise. "Never stop believing in your ability to overcome those challenges and succeed," she said. This former bicycle messenger never has.

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Here are a few cycling terms Marion had to learn when she started competing.

Attack: A sudden attempt to get away from another rider or group of riders.
Bonk: When a rider completely runs out of energy.
Drafting: Taking advantage of another rider's efforts by riding close behind him. The air pocket that is created by the lead rider allows the rider behind him to use up to 30 percent less energy.
Hammering: Very steady, strenuous pedaling. Also called "jamming."
Kick: The final burst of speed in a sprint.
Velodrome: An oval, banked track used for bicycle races.

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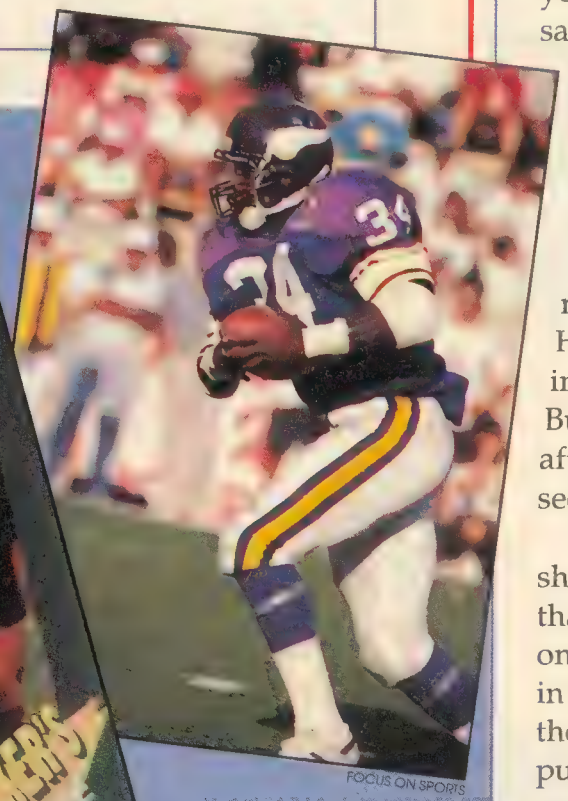
EXERCISE VIDEOS —

Want to get in shape with a television star? How about a workout with an All-American running back?

With exercise videos featuring Tempestt Bledsoe (Vanessa on *The Cosby Show*) and Herschel Walker (the Minnesota Vikings running back), you've got your chance.



In the off-season, Herschel does 1,500 push-ups and 3,000 sit-ups each day. And he says he's still trying to reach his full potential.

Herschel Walker's Fitness Challenge for Kids is a good program for kids who want to become better athletes or who just want to get in better shape.

Can you picture Herschel as a chubby 12-year-old? In the video he says that he wasn't much of an athlete as a kid, until his high school coach told him to do push-ups, sit-ups, and sprints.

"I tried it, and it was really, really hard," Herschel says. "Working out just isn't easy. But I stuck with it, and after awhile I began to see results."

In the video, he shows you the exercises that helped him become one of the best athletes in the world. You'll learn the right way to do push-ups, sit-ups, and sprints. And Herschel will show you the best way to warm up and cool down, build your strength, and develop flexibility and speed.

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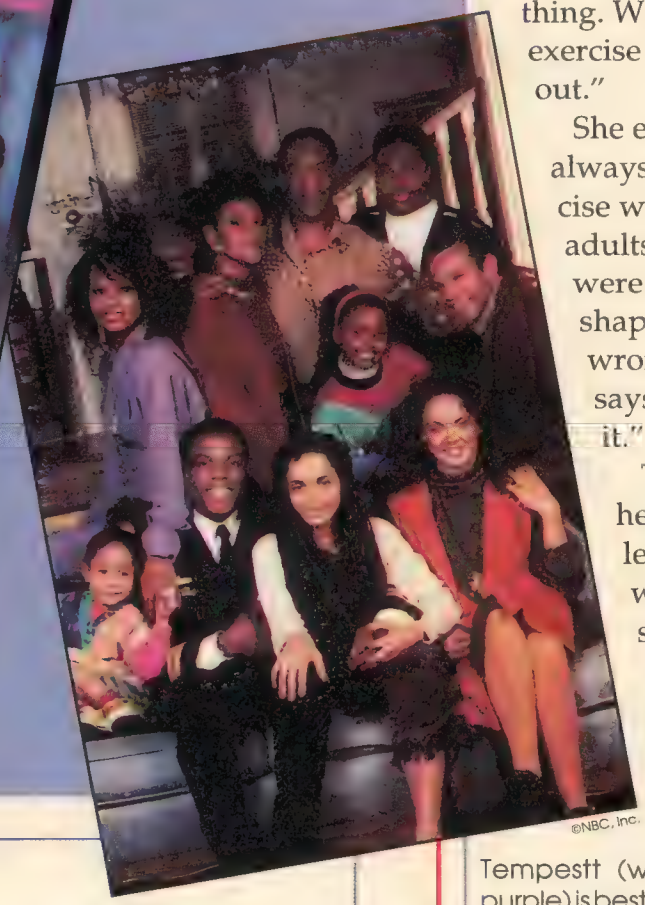
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Tempestt (wearing purple) is best known as Vanessa Huxtable on NBC's *The Cosby Show*. She says that taking time to do a few minutes of aerobics will give you more energy for the rest of your day.

Looking Good! The Fun Teen Fitness Program features Tempestt Bledsoe getting in shape the fun way — with her friends.

Tempestt says everyone makes excuses for not exercising, such as, "None of my friends are into this fitness thing. We get plenty of exercise just hanging out."

She explains that she always thought exercise was just for adults or people who were totally out of shape. "Boy, was I wrong," Tempestt says. "We all need it."

Tempestt and her friends will lead you through warmups, stretches, toning exercises, and aerobic and dance routines.

Herschel's workout is available from HPG Home Video. *Looking Good!* is distributed by CBS/Fox Video. Both sell for around $20 and both suggest that you talk with your parents and a doctor before starting any exercise program.

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1	2 Opening Day, Major League Baseball season. NCAA basketball championship game, Denver, Colorado.	3	4	5 The Masters golf tournament, Augusta, Georgia (through the 8th). NHL playoffs start.	6	7 U.S. Badminton Association Junior Nationals, Colorado Springs, Colorado (through the 10th).
8 Dallas Cup soccer tournament, Dallas, Texas (through the 15th).	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Boston Marathon, Boston, Massachusetts.	17 European Snowboarding Championships, Anzere, Switzerland (through the 21st).	18	19	20	21 Elks National Free Throw Contest finals, Indianapolis, Indiana.
22	23	24 Tour of Spain bicycle race, Spain (through May 15).	25	26	27 NBA playoffs start.	28
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6	7	8	9	10	11 U.S. Chess Federation elementary school national championships, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (through the 13th).	12
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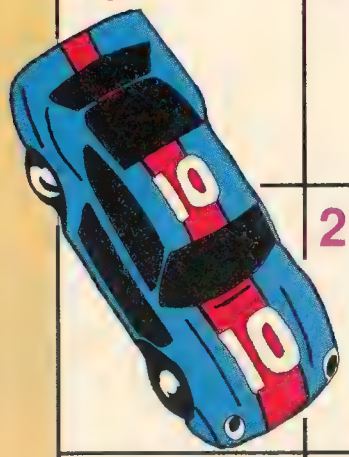

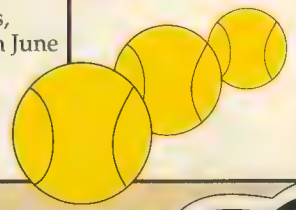

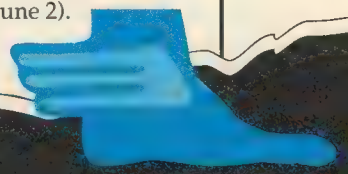

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LOOK IT UP!

Q: The Celtics trail the Lakers by two points with time running out. Larry Bird gets the ball on the inbounds pass and launches a shot from the Lakers' end of the court. The ball banks off the glass and through the net. Is the shot worth three points and a win for the Celtics?

A: *Yes! As long as a player is behind the three-point line for his team's basket, the shot is worth three points.*

Q: The Los Angeles Kings' Wayne Gretzky is facing his old team, the Edmonton Oilers. Gretzky takes a shot. The puck hits the referee and then ricochets into the net. Is it yet another goal for the Great One?

A: *Play continues even after an official is involved in the play — the goal is good.*

Q: It's the number one female tennis player in the world, Steffi Graf, versus Martina Navratilova in the final at Wimbledon. Steffi zings a shot at Martina's feet, but Martina somehow digs out a return shot that arches over the net. It lands on Steffi's side and then bounces high. An easy smash for Steffi, right? Wrong, the ball's spin brings it back over to Martina's side before Steffi could hit it. Whose point?

A: *It's a strange situation, and one that actually occurred between these two at last year's Virginia Slims tennis championships. The point in this case, as it did last year, would go to Martina.*

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